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Hunting on private land is a privilege. Always get permission and thank the landowner.

Be a mentor. Pass on the heritage and traditions of hunting and fishing in Kentucky.

MESSAGE FROM THE COMMISSIONER

My earliest hunting memories are of chasing quail with my grandfather and his bird dogs.

Since that time, changes in land use, farming practices, and other factors have resulted in a 40-year decline of this prince of game birds.

As fellow hunters we can all look back with pride at how a cooperative partnership between hunters, state wildlife agencies, the outdoors industry and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service helped restore the white-tailed deer, wild turkey, elk, wood duck, and black bear.

Now we are once again ramping up efforts to restore a native species that is on the verge of disappearing.

As the director of a state fish and wildlife agency, I can tell you that few wildlife species have held the intrigue, or generated the frustration level comparable to that of the iconic Northern Bobwhite. This species, which has both tormented and delighted us, has rightfully taken its place among state agencies as the holy grail of recovery challenges.

Bobwhite recovery has always presented a unique challenge – changing the attitudes of people in order to affect the changes to the landscape that are necessary for the game bird's recovery.

As we celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act of 1937, commonly called the "Pittman-Robertson (P-R) Act," it's a good time to renew our dedication to restore quail populations in Kentucky, and across the southeastern U.S.

With science-based advice and the stable funding source that P-R funds provide, Kentucky and 24 other states in the



region, partnered with conservation organizations to form the National Bobwhite Conservation Initiative (NBCI). As your Commissioner, I co-chair this national initiative, along with the Director from Florida. Our daunting task is to bring back a species that has succumbed to decades of habitat loss or conversion. Our immediate goal is to restore wild populations of quail to levels comparable to 1980.

The birth of a regional recovery strategy, rather than a piecemeal state-by-state approach, has generated support, both financial and political, and provides a framework from which to stage the recovery of this most challenging species.

Here in Kentucky, as in other states in the region, we have focused our efforts on developing habitat, on both public and private lands, planting native warm season grasses, removing exotic, invasive plants, and using ground disturbance to bring back other quail-friendly native vegetation.

We are hearing of some successes across the range of the bobwhite, from farmers, landowners, and hunters who visit our Bobwhite Focus Areas, which are intensively-managed, multi-county habitat projects.

With the revision of the NBCI plan late last year, we are poised to take the next step to recovery. By pointing out that quail are important to grassland ecosystems, we hope to generate support from a much larger segment of the conservation community.

I invite you to visit the website www.bringbackbobwhites.org to learn more about what's being done to return quail to our rural landscape.

— Dr. Jonathan Gassett

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ABOUT THIS GUIDE

This is a **SUMMARY** of the laws regarding hunting and trapping. This guide is intended solely for informational use. It is not a reprint of any referenced statute or regulation in its entirety and should not be used as such. Questions about the information contained in this guide should be directed to the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources before engaging in the activities referenced. Actual wording of any Kentucky Revised Statute (KRS) or Kentucky Administrative Regulation (KAR) can be viewed at www.lrc.state.ky.us/kar/frntpage.htm.

OTHER GUIDES AVAILABLE

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife also produces regulation guides for spring hunting, waterfowl and other migratory bird hunting, and fishing and boating. The dove and early waterfowl hunting guide is available in early August. The regular season waterfowl hunting guide is available in early November. Call 1-800-858-1549 weekdays, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., for copies of these guides. They are also available where licenses are sold, and online at fw.ky.gov.

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NEW THIS YEAR

Changes from last season are printed in **bright blue** throughout this guide to assist you in noticing those changes.

WMAs

Three new WMAs will be open to hunting this season: Big Rivers WMA and State Forest, Griffith Woods WMA and Veterans Memorial WMA.

DEER

On WMAs in Zone 1 counties, hunters may harvest more than one deer per day, and may take an unlimited number of does (provided they have purchased additional deer permits) during open hunts, quota gun hunts or mobility-impaired hunts.

The additional deer permit allows a hunter to take one (1) antlered deer if two (2) antlerless deer were harvested on the hunter's statewide deer permit.

Applicants may choose the "No Hunt" option for quota hunts, to prevent the loss of accumulated preference points.

ELK

For the 2012-13 elk season in Kentucky, 900 lottery permits were awarded.

FURBEARERS

In 58 counties in northern, central and western Kentucky, the season bag limit for river otters is ten (10) per person. See page 30 for a map and list of counties.

Raccoon and opossum hunting season opens a month earlier. This season the dates are: Oct. 1, 2012 - Feb. 28, 2013. For training purposes, raccoon squallers may be used year-round.

Bobcat hunting season opens later, but has been lengthened. This season the dates are: Noon Nov. 24, 2012 - Feb. 28, 2013.

SMALL GAME

Preference points will be awarded for all small game quota hunts. Pheasant quota hunt permits (\$25 each) may now be purchased online with a credit

or debit card at fw.ky.gov, or from any license vendor. They may be purchased anytime before the hunt.

A quota pheasant hunt will be held at Yellowbank WMA on Dec. 14-16, 2012.

Pen-reared bobwhite quail may be harvested on private lands prior to and after statewide quail season for the purpose of training bird dogs.

Some season dates are different

Seasons on state WMAs, and public hunting lands not managed by Kentucky Fish and Wildlife, may be different from those shown below. Please check individual area listings, beginning on page 44.

2012-13 KENTUCKY HUNTING SEASONS

DEER	Statewide	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4
Modern Gun		Nov. 10-25, 2012 (either sex)		Nov. 10-19, 2012 (either sex)	Nov. 10-19, 2012 (antlered only)
Archery		Sept. 1, 2012 - Jan. 21, 2013 (either sex)			
Crossbow		Oct. 1-21 and Nov. 10 - Dec. 31, 2012 (either sex)			
Muzzleloader		Oct. 20-21 and Dec. 8-16, 2012 (either sex)			
Youth-only Firearms	Oct. 13-14, 2012 (either sex)				
Free Youth Weekend*	Dec. 29-30, 2012 (either sex)				

*During the Free Youth Deer Hunting Weekend, hunters ages 15 and under may hunt deer with a firearm without a license or deer permit, but must be accompanied by an adult.

QUOTA ELK	Firearms	Archery	Crossbow
Bull (antlered)	Week 1: Oct. 6-12, 2012 Week 2: Oct. 13-19, 2012	Sept. 15 - Oct. 5, Oct. 20 - Dec. 7, and Dec. 22, 2012 - Jan. 21, 2013	Oct. 20-21, Nov. 10 - Dec. 7, and Dec. 22-31, 2012
Cow (antlerless)	Week 1: Dec. 8-14, 2012 Week 2: Dec. 15-21, 2012	Oct. 20 - Dec. 7, and Dec. 22, 2012 - Jan. 21, 2013	
Youth-only Quota (either sex)	Sept. 29 - Oct. 1, 2012		

Hunters must follow deer season and equipment regulations to take elk from any county not included in the 16-county elk restoration zone (out-of-zone), and must have an out-of-zone elk permit.

BEAR	Firearms, archery and crossbow
	Dec. 8-10, 2012 in Bell , Harlan, Letcher and Pike counties only. See page 24.

FALL TURKEY	Shotgun	Archery	Crossbow
	Oct. 27 - Nov. 2 and Dec. 1-7, 2012	Sept. 1, 2012 - Jan. 21, 2013	Oct. 1-21 and Nov. 10 - Dec. 31, 2012

SMALL GAME	Hunting	Trapping
Squirrel	Aug. 18 - Nov. 9 and Nov. 12, 2012 - Feb. 28, 2013	Noon, Nov. 12, 2012 - Feb. 28, 2013
Free Youth Hunting & Trapping Week	Dec. 29, 2012 - Jan. 4, 2013	

FURBEARERS	Hunting	Trapping
Raccoon & Opossum	Oct. 1, 2012 - Feb. 28, 2013	Noon Nov. 12, 2012 - Feb. 28, 2013
Coyote	Year-round	
Bobcat	Noon Nov. 24, 2012 - Feb. 28, 2013	
River Otter, Muskrat, Mink, Beaver, Red Fox, Gray Fox, Weasel & Striped Skunk	Noon Nov. 12, 2012 - Feb. 28, 2013	
Free Youth Hunting & Trapping Week	Dec. 29, 2012 - Jan. 4, 2013	

OTHER SPECIES	Hunting
Crow	Sept. 1 - Nov. 7, 2012 and Jan. 4 - Feb. 28, 2013
Bullfrog	Noon May 18 - Oct. 31, 2012
Falconry	Sept. 1, 2012 - Mar. 30, 2013
Groundhog	year-round
Wild Pig*	year-round, except Big South Fork NRA

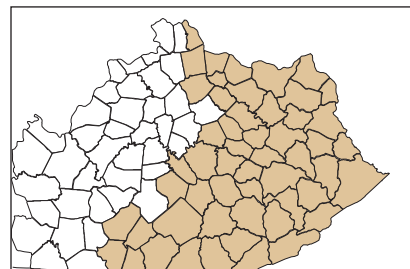
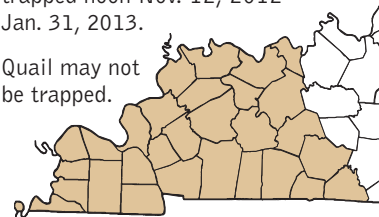
*It is illegal to possess live wild pigs in Kentucky; all trapped pigs must be killed at the trap site, and not released or moved. Wild pigs may not be hunted at night.

Rabbit & Quail Seasons

Western Zone = shaded counties.
Hunting: Nov. 12, 2012 - Feb. 10, 2013. Rabbits may also be trapped during this time, beginning at noon on Nov. 12.

Eastern Zone = all other counties.
Hunting: Nov. 1-9 and Nov. 12, 2012 - Jan. 31, 2013. Rabbits may be trapped noon Nov. 12, 2012 - Jan. 31, 2013.

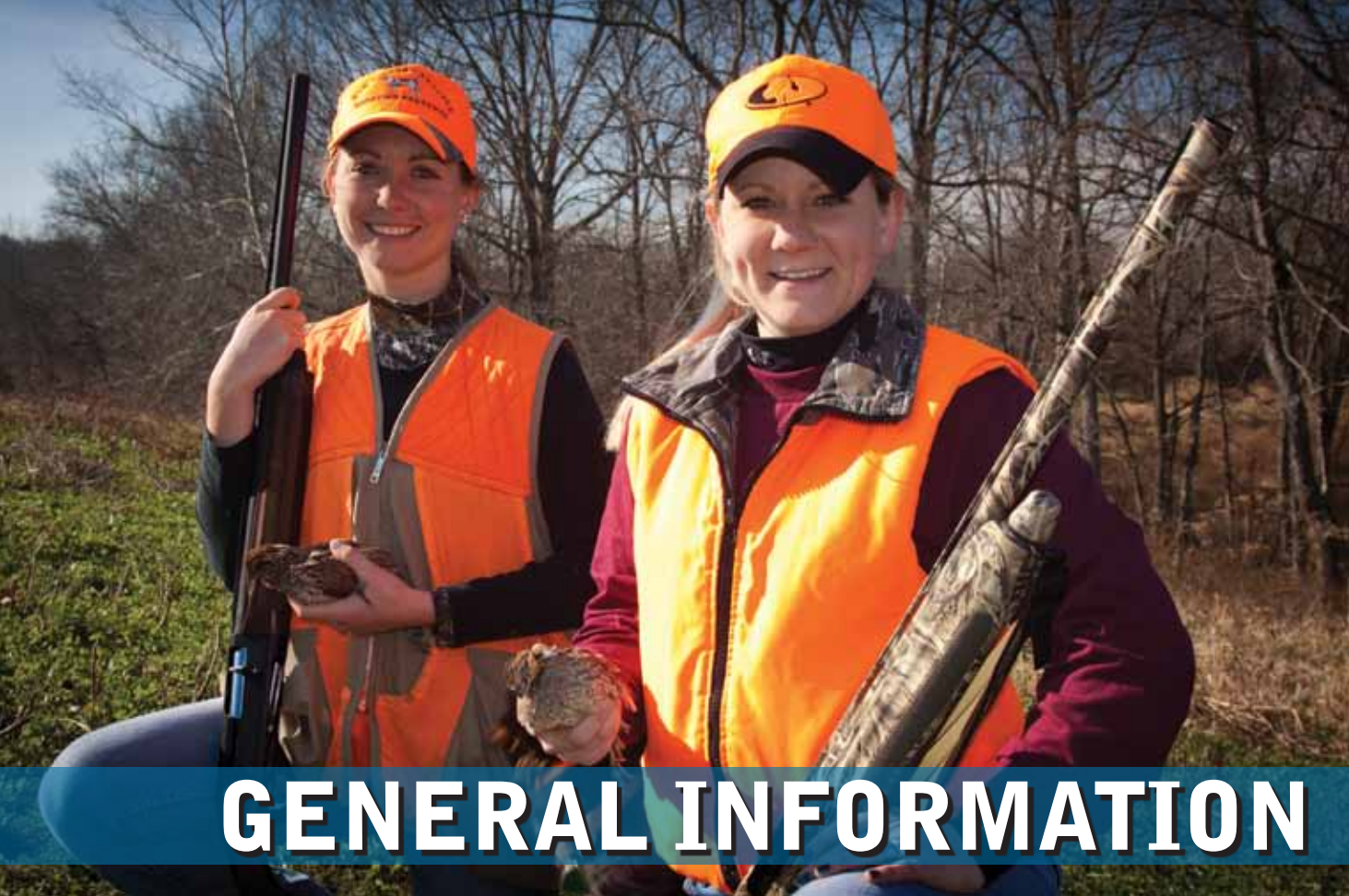
Quail may not be trapped.



Grouse Hunting Season

Nov. 1-9 and Nov. 12, 2012 - Feb. 28, 2013 **in the shaded counties only.**

Grouse hunting is also allowed on Pennyrite-Tradewater WMA and Ft. Knox during the month of December, except during quota deer hunts. Grouse may not be trapped.



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GENERAL INFORMATION

LICENSES AND PERMITS

GENERAL HUNTER LICENSING

If you take or attempt to take game, you are considered a hunter and therefore subject to licensing requirements unless specifically exempted by law. Unless you fall into one of the categories listed below, you must obtain and carry while in the field proof that you've met the license requirements for the kind of hunting you're doing. This proof can be either a paper license/permit or a license authorization number. If you can't show you're licensed properly while you're hunting, you risk being issued a citation.

Each hunter must have his or her own license or permit. Paper licenses and permits must be signed and the hunter information portion (signature, address, eye and hair color, sex, height and weight) completed before going afield.

LICENSE-EXEMPT HUNTERS

In some cases, a resident hunter may not be required to buy a hunting

license, permits to hunt deer, bear or turkey, or a Kentucky Waterfowl Permit. Here are those situations:

- Kentucky resident owners of farmlands, their spouses and dependent children hunting **upon their own farmlands** during an open season;
- Tenants, their spouses and dependent children hunting on farmlands **where they reside and work**; and
- Kentucky residents on military leave of more than three days in this state who carry identification and papers that verify their leave status.
- Members of any branch of the U.S. Armed Forces based in Kentucky engaged in sport hunting or fishing on these Kentucky National Guard properties: Hidden Valley Training Area in Powell County, and the Wendell H. Ford Regional Training Center in Muhlenberg County.

Resident and nonresident children under the age of 12 are not required to

Other laws apply!

Hunters exempt from buying licenses and permits are required to follow hunting season laws, bag limits, comply with the hunter orange clothing law, and follow hunter harvest recording, checking and tagging requirements. Kentucky landowners, their legal dependents and their tenants, as described above, are subject to the usual license requirements anytime they hunt somewhere other than their own lands.

purchase licenses and permits, except the elk lottery application.

Hunters eligible to participate in the Free Youth Hunting & Trapping Week or Free Youth Deer Hunting Weekend, and adults who accompany a youth hunter but are not hunting themselves, are not required to have a license

or permit during these seasons.

WHICH LICENSE OR PERMIT?

Deer, elk, turkey and bear

Both an annual hunting license and an additional permit are required for hunters 12 and older. Hunters under 12 must purchase elk lottery applications.

Waterfowl and other migratory birds

In addition to a Kentucky hunting license (annual or short-term), permits are required for ages 16 and older as follows:

- **Kentucky Migratory Bird Permit:** required to hunt dove, snipe, woodcock, moorhens, rails and gallinules.
- **Kentucky Waterfowl Permit:** required to hunt ducks, geese, coots and mergansers. This permit also covers the species permitted by the Kentucky Migratory Bird Permit.
- **Federal Duck Stamp:** required in addition to the Kentucky Waterfowl Permit to hunt ducks, geese, coots and mergansers. U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service requirement; available at post offices and online at www.duckstamp.com.

All other species

For hunters 12 and older, only a hunting license (annual, short-term, or a license that includes the hunting privilege) is required for everything else, except that no license or permit is needed to take exotic species as noted in the Small Game & Furbearers section of this guide.

Shooting preserve license

A \$5 shooting preserve license is available to Kentucky residents and nonresidents, online at fw.ky.gov only. This license is for hunters who do not already possess a regular hunting license. The license is valid for one license year, and for one shooting preserve only (which must be indicated at the time of purchase.)

SHORT-TERM LICENSES

The following short-term licenses are valid for all types of hunting **except** deer, elk, turkey and bear. (Hunting those four species requires an **annual** hunting license along with the appropriate permit. Bear permits are available only to Kentucky residents.) Short-term

licenses are valid **only** for the 1- or 5-day period shown on the license.

- **1-Day Hunting License:** available to residents and nonresidents.
- **5-Day Hunting License:** available **only** to nonresidents.

HIP SURVEYS

When purchasing a Kentucky Waterfowl Permit, Kentucky Migratory Bird Permit, or any license that includes those permits, hunters are required by federal law to complete a harvest information program (HIP) survey at the time of purchase. Your license retailer (or phone operator) will ask you questions to fill out this survey. If you purchase your license online, you will be prompted to answer those questions at the end of your purchase.

You can buy licenses and permits online. Scan this symbol with your smartphone for quick access to Kentucky Fish and Wildlife's website!



HOW TO BUY LICENSES AND PERMITS

It is the hunter's responsibility to know what type of license or permit is needed. Consult the Which Permit Do I Need tables on page 6.

If you are still unsure what license or permit you should buy, call Kentucky Fish and Wildlife at 1-800-858-1549, during office hours, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

IN PERSON

Licenses and permits can be purchased throughout the state at about 900 locations, including country stores, some county court clerk offices, local hunting and fishing businesses, and some chain stores that sell outdoor sporting goods. License vendor locations are listed on the department's website: fw.ky.gov.

OVER THE TELEPHONE

Licenses and permits can be purchased over the telephone 24 hours a day, by calling toll-free at 1-877-598-2401.

All Kentucky hunting and fishing

licenses and permits, except a disability license, elk lottery application and all youth licenses and permits, can be purchased over the telephone.

ON THE INTERNET

All Kentucky hunting and fishing licenses and permits, except a Joint Husband/Wife Fishing License, can be

purchased on the department's website: fw.ky.gov.

By phone:

Call toll-free 1-877-598-2401

Persons purchasing by phone:

1. Must use Visa, Mastercard, Discover or e-check;
2. Will be charged a small fee;
3. Must provide their name, address, date of birth and Social Security number;
4. Will be issued a paper license/permit by mail (except short-term licenses);
5. Will be issued an authorization number which serves as a license/permit until paper license/permit is issued; and
6. Must have the authorization number in addition to a picture ID while hunting, if they have not yet received their paper license/permit in the mail.

By internet:

Visit fw.ky.gov

Persons purchasing online:

1. Must use Visa, Mastercard or Discover;
2. Must provide their name, address, date of birth and Social Security number;
3. Must carry proof of their license/permit (computer print out) and a picture ID while hunting; and
4. Will not receive a paper license/permit in the mail.

WHICH LICENSE OR PERMIT DO I NEED?

The tables below are a quick overview of current licensing requirements for hunting and trapping in Kentucky. See the rest of this section for exemp-

tions and complete residency, licensing and hunter education requirements. All elk and bear hunting requirements are explained in those sections.

Also: See page 9 for Senior/ Disability License eligibility.

NOTE: Licenses and permits for the species below are not required for kids under the age of 12.

KENTUCKY RESIDENTS	Ages 12-15	Ages 16-64	Ages 65 and over OR Disabled
Deer	Youth Hunting License* + Youth Deer Permit*	Annual Hunting License† + Statewide Deer Permit†	Senior/Disabled License
Fall Turkey	Youth Hunting License* + Youth Turkey Permit*	Annual Hunting License† + Fall Turkey Permit†	Senior/Disabled License
Spring Turkey	Youth Hunting License* + Youth Turkey Permit*	Annual Hunting License† + Spring Turkey Permit†	Senior/Disabled License
Small Game & Furbearer	Youth Hunting License*	Annual† or 1-Day Hunting License	Senior/Disabled License
Trapping	Annual Youth Trapping License	Annual or Landowner/Tenant Trapping License	Annual or Landowner/Tenant Trapping License
Migratory Birds (dove, snipe, woodcock, moorhens, rails, gallinules)	Youth Hunting License*	Annual† or 1-Day Hunting License + Kentucky Migratory Bird or Kentucky Waterfowl Permit†	Senior/Disabled License
Waterfowl (ducks, geese, coots and mergansers)	Youth Hunting License*	Annual† or 1-Day Hunting License + Kentucky Waterfowl Permit† + Federal Duck Stamp	Senior/Disabled License + Federal Duck Stamp

NONRESIDENTS (must buy nonresident licenses/permits)	Ages 12-15	Ages 16 and over
Deer	Youth Hunting License* + Youth Deer Permit*	Annual Hunting License + Statewide Deer Permit
Fall Turkey	Youth Hunting License* + Youth Turkey Permit*	Annual Hunting License + Fall Turkey Permit
Spring Turkey	Youth Hunting License* + Youth Turkey Permit*	Annual Hunting License + Spring Turkey Permit
Small Game & Furbearer	Youth Hunting License*	Annual, 1-Day or 5-Day Hunting License
Trapping	Annual Trapping License	Annual Trapping License
Migratory Birds (dove, snipe, woodcock, moorhens, rails, gallinules)	Youth Hunting License*	Annual, 1-Day or 5-Day Hunting License + Kentucky Migratory Bird or Kentucky Waterfowl Permit
Waterfowl (ducks, geese, coots and mergansers)	Youth Hunting License*	Annual, 1-Day or 5-Day Hunting License + Kentucky Waterfowl Permit + Federal Duck Stamp

*Included in Youth Sportsman's License

†Included in Resident Sportsman's License



HIP survey required (also required for Resident Sportsman's License)
(You will be asked survey questions during your purchase)

Q: Who needs a federal duck stamp?

A: Hunters ages 16 and over must get a **federal** duck stamp (available from post offices and at www.duckstamp.com) to hunt ducks, geese, coots and mergansers. This is not included in the Sportsman's or Senior/Disabled licenses.

Q: Are the Kentucky Waterfowl Permit and the Kentucky Migratory Bird Permit the same?

A: No. The Kentucky Waterfowl Permit covers all migratory birds, including ducks and geese. The Kentucky Migratory Bird Permit covers just doves, snipe, woodcock, moorhens, rails and gallinules.

LICENSE AND PERMIT FEES

	LICENSE / PERMIT	Resident	Nonresident
LICENSES	Annual Fishing	\$20.00	\$50.00
	Joint Husband/Wife Annual Fishing	\$36.00	Not available
	1-Day Fishing	\$7.00	\$10.00
	Nonresident 7-Day Fishing	Not available	\$30.00
	Nonresident 15-Day Fishing	Not available	\$40.00
	Trout Permit	\$10.00	
	Annual Hunting	\$20.00	\$130.00
	1-Day Hunting (not valid for deer, elk, turkey or bear)	\$7.00	\$10.00
	5-Day Hunting (not valid for deer, elk, turkey or bear)	Not available	\$40.00
	Annual Youth Hunting (ages 12-15 only)	\$5.00	
	Shooting Preserve License (available online at fw.ky.gov only)	\$5.00	
	Annual Trapping	\$20.00	\$130.00
	Annual Landowner/Tenant Trapping	\$10.00	Not available
	Annual Youth (ages 12-15) Trapping	\$5.00	Not available
COMBO LICENSES	Annual Combination Hunting/Fishing	\$30.00	Not available
	Senior/Disabled Combination Hunting/Fishing* (includes same license and permits as Resident Sportsman's License, plus additional deer permits.)	\$5.00	Not available
	Sportsman's License* (Includes combination hunting/fishing, statewide deer permit, spring and fall turkey permits, state waterfowl permit and trout permit.)	\$95.00	Not available
	Youth (ages 12-15) Sportsman's License* (Includes youth hunting license, youth deer permit and youth turkey permit.)	\$25.00	
DEER	Statewide Deer Permit (two deer)	\$30.00	\$60.00
	Youth (ages 12-15) Deer Permit (one deer)	\$10.00	
	Additional Deer Permit (two deer)	\$15.00	
BIRDS	Spring Turkey Permit (statewide) (two turkeys)	\$30.00	\$60.00
	Youth (ages 12-15) Turkey Permit (one turkey, spring or fall)	\$10.00	
	Fall Turkey Permit (statewide)(four turkeys)	\$30.00	\$60.00
	Kentucky Waterfowl Permit	\$15.00	
	Migratory Bird Permit	\$10.00	
	Federal Duck Stamp (available at post offices and online at www.duckstamp.com)	\$15.00	
ELK	Elk Lottery Application (deadline April 30; available at fw.ky.gov only)	\$10.00	
	Youth WMA Elk Lottery (deadline April 30; available at fw.ky.gov only)	\$10.00	
	Elk Quota Hunt Permit (if drawn)	\$30.00	\$365.00
	Out-of-Zone Elk Permit	\$30.00	\$365.00
AREAS	Peabody WMA User Permit	\$15.00	
	Land Between the Lakes (LBL) Hunter Use Permit	\$20.00	
	Otter Creek ORA Admission Fees (per person) (available online at fw.ky.gov)	Daily: \$3.00, annual: \$30.00, children under 12: free.	
	Otter Creek ORA Special Activity Fees (per person, for use of horse trails, mountain bike trails and shooting range) (available online at fw.ky.gov)	Daily: \$7.00, annual: \$70.00	
OTHER	Bear Permit	\$30.00	Not available
	Temporary Hunter Education Exemption Permit (available online at fw.ky.gov only)	\$5.00	

*Peabody, LBL and Otter Creek permits, elk lottery application, elk quota hunt permit, out-of-zone elk permit, additional deer permit, bear permit, federal duck stamp and trapping license not included.

Kentucky's license year begins March 1 and continues through the last day of February. New licenses are required annually. A 1-day or 5-day hunting license is valid only for the period shown on license.

Resident and nonresident youth under the age of 12 are not required to purchase licenses or permits (except the elk lottery application).

LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

SPORTSMAN'S LICENSE - SAVE \$50!

Available to Kentucky residents only, the Sportsman's License includes a combination hunting and fishing license, spring and fall turkey permits, statewide deer permit, state waterfowl permit (which also covers dove and other migratory bird hunting) and trout permit. A federal duck stamp (available at post offices and online at www.duckstamp.com) is required for waterfowl hunting.

YOUTH HUNTER LICENSING

Resident and non-resident hunters under the age of 12 are not required to purchase licenses and permits, except for the elk lottery application. Persons under 12 years old, who have passed a hunter education course, may hunt small game, furbearers and waterfowl without being accompanied by an adult.

Resident and non-resident hunters ages 12-15 are eligible to purchase discounted licenses and permits, which are valid for the entire license year, if they are purchased before the youth's

Warning!

Persons convicted of providing false information regarding residency eligibility for purposes of purchasing hunting and fishing licenses and permits are subject to fines up to \$200 in addition to loss of hunting/fishing privileges for up to three years and seizure of hunting/fishing equipment.

16th birthday. Persons 15 years of age and under who hunt turkey, elk, deer or bear with a firearm must always be accompanied by an adult.

The \$5 Annual Youth Hunting License authorizes the holder to hunt all small game species and migratory bird species. Hunters 15 and younger are exempt from purchasing a Kentucky waterfowl or Kentucky migratory bird permit, and a federal duck stamp.

A youth hunting license shall not be issued without the written permission of a parent or guardian, or person having custody of the youth hunter, who shall sign the youth hunter's license to signify consent.

The \$10 Youth Deer Permit allows the hunter to take one deer.

The \$10 Youth Turkey Permit allows the hunter to take one turkey.

The \$25 Youth Sportsman's License includes a youth hunting license, youth deer permit and youth turkey permit.

For specific permit requirements for youth deer hunting see page 19, and page 26 for youth turkey hunting.

During the Free Youth Hunting and Trapping Week (Dec. 29, 2012 - Jan. 4, 2013), resident and nonresident hunters 15 and under may hunt or trap small game and furbearers without a license. All other regulations and limits apply.

Youth hunters who hunt deer or out-of-zone elk with a firearm during the Free Youth Deer Hunting Weekend (Dec. 29-30, 2012) are not required to have a deer or out-of-zone elk permit, but must be accompanied by an adult, and follow all other deer/elk hunting regulations.

Hunter education is not required for youth to participate in the Free Youth Deer Hunting Weekend, or the Free Youth Hunting & Trapping Week, but is strongly recommended.

NONRESIDENT LICENSING

Those who do not meet the definition of a Kentucky resident are required to purchase nonresident licenses and permits. A resident is any person who has established permanent domicile and legal residence and has resided in Kentucky for 30 days prior to purchasing a license, full-time students enrolled in an educational institution for at least a six-month term, and military service personnel on permanent assignment in Kentucky.

Nonresident youth hunters are subject to the same license and permit requirements as resident youth hunters.

Q: Does a nonresident who owns land in Kentucky have to buy non-resident licenses and permits?

A: Yes. All nonresidents must purchase nonresident licenses and permits.

Lost licenses and permits

Persons who need a replacement license or permit have three options:

1. Print a replacement online at fw.ky.gov. Click on "Licenses & Permits," then the "Lost Your License?" tab.
2. Purchase the same type of license or permit from any license vendor, ask them for a license refund form (or print one at fw.ky.gov), fill it out and send it to: KDFWR Licensing, #1 Sportsman's Lane, Frankfort, KY 40601. You will receive a refund minus a \$5 handling fee.
3. Send \$5, your name, address, date of birth and Social Security number, and which license(s) or permits you lost to: KDFWR Licensing, #1 Sportsman's Lane, Frankfort, KY 40601. The department will replace the license/permit once verification of original purchase occurs. Replacement may take up to 3 weeks.

TRAPPING LICENSE

A trapping license is required of all resident and nonresident trappers ages 12 and older, including landowners/tenants unless otherwise provided by law.

A trapping license is not included in any other combination license package. Landowner/tenant trapping licenses are only valid for landowners, tenants or their dependents trapping on their own property.

YOUTH TRAPPING LICENSE

Trappers under the age of 12 are not required to purchase a trapping license. A youth trapping license is available for resident trappers ages 12-15. Trapping licenses are available from license agents across the state, online at fw.ky.gov and by phone at 1-877-598-2401.

RESIDENT SENIOR AND DISABILITY LICENSES

The following are eligible to purchase the \$5 Senior or Disability Combination Hunting and Fishing License (which includes the same license and permits as the Resident Sportsman's License, plus additional deer permits):

- Kentucky residents 65 years of age or older.
- Kentucky residents certified totally and permanently disabled by the Federal Social Security Administration, a state Workers Compensation Board, the Kentucky Teacher Retirement System or the United States Railroad Retirement Board.
- Kentucky resident employees of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, declared totally and permanently disabled by a recognized authority.
- Kentucky resident veterans at least 50% disabled as the result of a service-connected disability.

Seniors need only show proof of age and residency to purchase this license. Persons with disabilities listed above must first obtain a disability authorization card from Kentucky Fish and Wildlife.

To obtain a disability license authorization card:

If your disability is through the:

- **Federal Social Security Administration:** Contact your local Social Security office and request a form showing your name, address, Social Security number and date of birth, which states that you are disabled and drawing benefits. Send form to Kentucky Fish and Wildlife.
- **Veteran's Administration:** Contact your local VA office and request a letter that verifies you are at least 50% disabled as a result of a service-connected disability. Send letter to Kentucky Fish and Wildlife.
- **State Worker's Compensation Board:** Request an application from Kentucky Fish and Wildlife, fill it out and send it to the State Worker's Compensation Board.
- **United States Railroad Retirement Board:** Contact the Board and request a letter stating you are 100% totally and permanently disabled. Send letter to Kentucky Fish and Wildlife.
- **Kentucky Teacher Retirement System:** Contact the Teacher Retirement System and request written documentation stating you are on disability retirement. Send documentation to Kentucky Fish and Wildlife.
- **United States Office of Personnel Management:** Contact the federal Office of Personnel Management and obtain certification of employment and documentation of being 100% disabled. Send documentation to Kentucky Fish and Wildlife.

Once the proper documentation is processed, applicants will receive their authorization card by mail. The authorization card is not a license. It must be presented to the license seller, or the authorization number entered online, at the time of purchase.

License vendors cannot sell a disability license using an expired authorization card.

Senior and Disability Combination Licenses are valid through the end of February like any other license. If you lose your card, you may contact Kentucky Fish and Wildlife at the above address for a replacement.

Mail or fax

Except for those who qualify for a Disability License through Worker's Compensation, mail or fax your disability certification to:

KDFWR Disability License
#1 Sportsman's Lane
Frankfort, KY 40601
FAX: (502) 564-9845

You may also bring the documentation in person to the department office in Frankfort at #1 Sportsman's Lane during business hours 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eastern Monday - Friday.

Q: For how long is a disability authorization card valid?

A: A disability authorization card is valid for three years (check the expiration date on your card). **Every three years**, you must provide updated paperwork (following the instructions to the left) and get a new card.

Those who already have a disability authorization card through the Veteran's Administration, Railroad Retirement Board or Office of Personnel Management may call 1-800-310-1873 to get a new card.

Carry proof

Holders of Disability Combination Licenses must carry both the license and authorization card while hunting. Once a person who qualifies for this license reaches age 65, he or she is considered a senior for licensing purposes, and no longer needs to follow the process of obtaining a disability license authorization card.

RECORDING, CHECKING, TAGGING AND TRANSPORTING

Harvested Deer, Elk, Turkey, Bear, Bobcat and Otter

All successful deer, elk, turkey and bear hunters, and bobcat and otter hunters/trappers, including those who are license-exempt, must record, check, tag and transport these species according to the following regulations.

BASIC GUIDELINES

- You must have a **completed** hunter harvest log with you for **each** harvested deer, elk, turkey, bear, bobcat or otter anytime you're in the field hunting or trapping that species.
- You must be able to show you have the correct licenses and permits for the game you intend to take, unless you are license/permit exempt.
- Meat processors and taxidermists are prohibited by law from accepting any part of an unchecked or untagged deer, elk, turkey, bear, bobcat or otter.

RECORDING

All successful hunters and trappers must write down harvest information on a hunter harvest log as soon as the animal is recovered and before it is moved. Blank spaces to fill in the required information are provided on the back of any paper license or permit. Otherwise, you may obtain a blank log sheet from a license dealer or make one yourself and complete it as explained on page 11.

Log information should be written in ink.

Although there are spaces to record five animals on a pre-printed harvest log, that doesn't necessarily mean you can take that many animals. Season bag limits are in place for each species.

Completing the hunter harvest log:

- If you have a paper license or permit, simply fill in the blanks on the back as indicated on page 11.
- ALL hunters not required to have a license/permit, or who have only a license authorization number, must create their own hunter harvest log and follow the same requirements as noted on page 11 after taking these species.

Telecheck:

**1-800-CHK-GAME
(1-800-245-4263)**

CHECKING (TELECHECK)

All harvested animals must be telechecked through the toll-free, automated phone-in system **by midnight on the day the animal is recovered**, with the following exceptions and additional restrictions:

- Bears must be telechecked before the hunter leaves the department check-in station.
- Deer and elk must be telechecked before removing the hide or head.
- Harvested animals must be telechecked before being transported out of Kentucky.

When you call, you will be asked a short series of questions, including your **Social Security number** and the **code number for the county** where you took the animal. The county code chart appears on page 11.

You can check multiple animals during the same call. It takes about five minutes each. **Entering false information is unlawful.**

Q: Due to a cell phone dropped call, a hunter loses a confirmation number. Should the animal be checked in again?

A: No. To get that Telecheck confirmation number, call the department at 1-800-858-1549 the next business day.

TAGGING

Placing a carcass tag on a harvested deer, elk, turkey, bobcat or otter is only required when the carcass leaves the possession of the hunter who took the animal. (Bear tagging requirements are explained in the Bear section.) Harvested animals in a hunter's possession

CALLING TELECHECK

1. Call toll-free 1-800-245-4263. It's in service 24 hours a day while seasons are open.
2. Listen to each question carefully and provide the requested information using the keypad on any touch-tone phone. You will be asked to indicate the animal's species and sex, type of equipment used, whether the land was private or public and what type of license you used (or if you are a landowner).

Sex of deer: Hunters who take button bucks should check the deer as "male" and then choose "no visible antler" when prompted.

License: You will be given the following choices: Statewide License, \$5 Senior/Disabled License, Landowner, Deer Control Tag, Trapping License, Elk Permit or Out-of-Zone Elk Permit. Youth under 12, youth who check deer taken during the Free Youth Deer Hunting Weekend, or license exempt military personnel should select "Statewide License." Landowners who take animals somewhere other than on property they own must have the proper license/permit and answer accordingly.

3. Once your harvest information has been entered correctly, you will be asked to hold while the system submits your survey information. Be prepared to write down the **confirmation number** given by the system on the hunter harvest log for the animal you are checking in.

are assumed to be his or hers, unless they bear a carcass tag stating otherwise. An individual in possession of an untagged animal must have a fully completed hunter harvest log for **each animal**.

If an animal leaves the possession of the person who harvested it, that hunter must first make and attach a carcass tag to the animal that clearly includes the following information:

1. Hunter's name.
2. Hunter's phone number; and
3. Animal's telecheck confirmation number.

CITES Tagging for Bobcat & Otter

Hunters or trappers who intend to sell the raw fur of a bobcat or otter must go online to fw.ky.gov or call 1-800-858-1549, provide their Telecheck confirmation number, and request a CITES tag. This tag shall be attached per the instructions included with the mailed tag and remain with the pelt until it is processed. Possession of an unused bobcat or otter CITES tag is prohibited, unless authorized by Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. A CITES tag may substitute for a hand-made carcass tag. The process of selling furs is described in the Small Game & Furbearers section.

TRANSPORTING

Hunters bringing any deer or elk, or parts of deer or elk, into Kentucky shall have proof that the animal was legally harvested elsewhere **and shall do so in compliance with the carcass importation laws outlined on page 19.**

HOW TO FILL OUT THE HUNTER HARVEST LOG

BEFORE YOU MOVE THE ANIMAL FROM THE SPOT IT WAS FOUND:

Step 1: Mark the box for the appropriate species and fill in the date, county and sex of the animal. Bear hunters will need to write "bear." Put the harvest log back in your pocket.

WHEN YOU CALL TO CHECK IN THE ANIMAL:

Step 2: Write the Telecheck confirmation number on the harvest log, and keep the log information in your possession whenever you are in the field during the deer, elk, turkey, bear, bobcat or otter season.

Carcass tags

Carcass tags must be placed on the animal before the hunter gives it to or leaves it with someone else; or leaves a deer, for example, hanging unattended in a deer camp or elsewhere. Hunters must also telecheck the animal first and write the confirmation number on the carcass tag as proof of doing so. The easiest item to use as a carcass tag is an index card. The carcass tag must remain attached until processing begins or the hunter returns to take possession of the carcass.

Reminder: All hunters must fill out a hunter harvest log. Carcass tags are only required if the carcass leaves your possession.

KENTUCKY COUNTY CODE NUMBERS FOR TELECHECK

001	Adair	025	Clark	049	Harrison	073	McCracken	097	Perry
002	Allen	026	Clay	050	Hart	074	McCreary	098	Pike
003	Anderson	027	Clinton	051	Henderson	075	McLean	099	Powell
004	Ballard	028	Crittenden	052	Henry	076	Madison	100	Pulaski
005	Barren	029	Cumberland	053	Hickman	077	Magoffin	101	Robertson
006	Bath	030	Daviess	054	Hopkins	078	Marion	102	Rockcastle
007	Bell	031	Edmonson	055	Jackson	079	Marshall	103	Rowan
008	Boone	032	Elliott	056	Jefferson	080	Martin	104	Russell
009	Bourbon	033	Estill	057	Jessamine	081	Mason	105	Scott
010	Boyd	034	Fayette	058	Johnson	082	Meade	106	Shelby
011	Boyle	035	Fleming	059	Kenton	083	Menifee	107	Simpson
012	Bracken	036	Floyd	060	Knott	084	Mercer	108	Spencer
013	Breathitt	037	Franklin	061	Knox	085	Metcalfe	109	Taylor
014	Breckinridge	038	Fulton	062	Larue	086	Monroe	110	Todd
015	Bullitt	039	Gallatin	063	Laurel	087	Montgomery	111	Trigg
016	Butler	040	Garrard	064	Lawrence	088	Morgan	112	Trimble
017	Caldwell	041	Grant	065	Lee	089	Muhlenberg	113	Union
018	Calloway	042	Graves	066	Leslie	090	Nelson	114	Warren
019	Campbell	043	Grayson	067	Letcher	091	Nicholas	115	Washington
020	Carlisle	044	Green	068	Lewis	092	Ohio	116	Wayne
021	Carroll	045	Greenup	069	Lincoln	093	Oldham	117	Webster
022	Carter	046	Hancock	070	Livingston	094	Owen	118	Whitley
023	Casey	047	Hardin	071	Logan	095	Owsley	119	Wolfe
024	Christian	048	Harlan	072	Lyon	096	Pendleton	120	Woodford

OTHER HUNTING REGULATIONS

LANDOWNER PERMISSION

A person **SHALL NOT ENTER** upon the lands of another to hunt, trap or fish **WITHOUT** the oral or written **PERMISSION** of the landowner, tenant or person who has authority to grant permission. Those who fail to obtain permission are subject to arrest and prosecution. Railroad tracks and rights of way are privately owned property and permission to hunt, trap or fish must be obtained prior to entry.

Q: Can game or hunting dogs be retrieved from another person's land without permission?

A: No. You **MUST** have permission to enter private property. Landowners are under no obligation to allow hunters to retrieve game or dogs from their land. Think before you shoot when hunting near a property line. You may not be able to retrieve your game.

HUNTER EDUCATION LAW

Kentucky's Hunter Education Law became mandatory in 1991. It states that all hunters, if required to purchase a Kentucky hunting license and **born on or after January 1, 1975**, must carry a valid hunter education course completion card while hunting any species. Hunters not required to have licenses or permits are exempt from hunter education certification.

A one-time hunter education exemption permit is available only online at fw.ky.gov. This \$5 permit allows hunting without a hunter education card for one year from the date of purchase. After it expires, the hunter is no longer exempt and must successfully complete a hunter education course.

The one-time hunter education exemption permit is valid only in Kentucky, and is not accepted at the Bluegrass Army Depot or Fort Campbell.

Hunter education cards and temporary hunter education exemption permits are not required when buying a license or permits, but **must be in the hunter's possession while hunting**.

Hunter education cards obtained from other states are valid in Kentucky.

Resident landowners are only license and hunter education-exempt when hunting on their own property. They must be licensed and comply with the hunter education law when hunting on other public or private lands.

Children under 12 years old are exempt from Kentucky's Hunter Education Law.

Hunters under 12 years of age, and hunters who have a temporary hunter education exemption permit, must be accompanied by an adult who meets the hunter education requirement. The adult shall be in a position to take immediate control of the child's or exempted hunter's bow or firearm at all times while hunting. This law applies even if the exempted hunter is an adult. One adult may not accompany more than two youth hunters at the same time.

A bowhunter not in possession of a firearm while hunting may carry a valid National Bowhunter Education Program course completion card instead of the hunter education card.

Hunter education courses are held around the state. A course schedule is available at fw.ky.gov or by calling 1-800-858-1549.

Children must be at least **nine** years of age to take the hunter education course. Persons who complete the course are issued an orange (certification) card.

Free replacement hunter education cards can be printed online at fw.ky.gov. Replacements are also available for \$5 by mailing the replacement fee and the following information to the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Hunter Education Program at the address on the front of this guide: name, current address, date of birth, phone number, when and where the course was taken, and the mailing address at the time the course was taken if different from the current address. The replacement fee must be received before the card will be mailed.

HUNTER ORANGE CLOTHING LAW

Hunter orange garments must be worn as the outer coverings and must be worn at all times while in the field

Orange is the law!

Kentucky's Hunter Orange Clothing Law requires **ALL HUNTERS** and persons accompanying them, hunting for any species during the modern gun, muzzleloading, and youth firearm deer seasons, or a firearm elk or bear season to wear solid, unbroken hunter orange color visible from all sides on the head, back and chest.

hunting. Garments can be of mesh type material, as long as openings in the mesh weave are no wider than one-quarter inch by any measurement. Garments may display a small portion of another color.

The only exceptions are when hunting waterfowl during a gun deer season, or when hunting game that can legally be hunted at night (like opossum or raccoon, for example).

The following are examples of common Hunter Orange Clothing Law violations:

- Wearing camouflage-patterned hunter orange garments without additional solid hunter orange clothing on the head, back and chest.
- Wearing hunter orange clothing while walking to a stand and taking it off when you get there.
- Hunting squirrel, rabbit or quail when and where a firearm deer or elk season is also open without wearing hunter orange clothing.
- Hunting during a muzzleloading deer season without wearing hunter orange.

Hunter orange clothing is not required when hunting waterfowl or dove during a gun deer season, or when hunting game that can legally be hunted at night, such as opossum or raccoon. Hunters using archery equipment during deer firearms seasons must wear

Sunrise/sunset tables

Sunrise/sunset tables are online at: <http://www.usno.navy.mil/USNO/astronomical-applications/data-services/rs-one-day-us>

hunter orange clothing, and follow all firearm season restrictions, zone guidelines and hunting requirements in effect.

Archery hunters are also not required to wear hunter orange clothing during a firearms season on a state owned or managed WMA where firearms hunting for deer, elk or bear is prohibited. On these areas hunters are not required to wear hunter orange while hunting for deer or elk with archery equipment during firearms seasons.

SHOOTING HOURS

Shooting hours for all species listed in this guide, except raccoons, opossums and frogs, are during daylight hours only – a half-hour before sunrise to a half-hour after sunset. However, hunters may be in the field or stands before and after shooting hours.

Raccoons and opossums may be

taken day or night, except during modern gun deer season when raccoon and opossum hunting is permitted only at night.

HUNTING METHOD EXEMPTIONS

The department grants exemptions to hunters with certain physical disabilities to hunt with a crossbow during archery-only seasons, or to use a stationary vehicle as a hunting platform.

However, persons with qualifying physical disabilities must first have an exemption form completed and signed by a licensed physician certifying why the exemption is necessary. Forms are available from the department and online at fw.ky.gov. A completed exemption form serves as the hunter's exemption permit. It should not be returned to the department. Persons who obtain an exemption are still required to have the appropriate hunting license and permits, and must carry the signed exemption form with their hunting license and permits while in the field.

PROHIBITED HUNTING METHODS

- No person shall discharge any firearm, bow and arrow, crossbow or other similar device, upon, over or across any public roadway. Hunting is prohibited in highway or interstate medians and rights of way.
- No person shall take or attempt to take wildlife from an automobile, or other vehicle, except as prescribed by regulation. Hunting from boats is permitted for small game.

- A person shall not pursue, chase or take a deer, elk, bear, or turkey (during the spring turkey season): with the aid of dogs; while on horseback; or when the deer, elk or bear is swimming. Dogs may be used to locate and flush turkeys during the fall turkey seasons only.
- It is illegal to feed bears directly or indirectly for any reason.
- No person shall take wildlife with the aid of fire, smoke, explosives or gas.
- Baiting is prohibited on all WMAs, Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area, Daniel Boone National Forest, Jefferson National Forest and state parks open to hunting.
- Deer and elk hunters shall not use electronic decoys or calls.
- No person shall take a turkey when the turkey is roosting. (A roost is the place where a turkey spends the night.)
- A person hunting wild turkeys shall not use live turkeys as decoys.
- Wild turkeys or bears shall not be hunted by the aid of bait, nor shall areas be hunted where bait is present (this includes private lands baited for deer). An area is considered baited for 30 days after all bait has been removed. A baited area is any place where feed, grains or other substances capable of luring wild turkeys or bears have been placed. An area where grains or other feeds exist as the result of legitimate agricultural practices, or as the result of growing or manipulating a crop for wildlife management, is legal for hunting.

RIFLE & HANDGUN CALIBERS

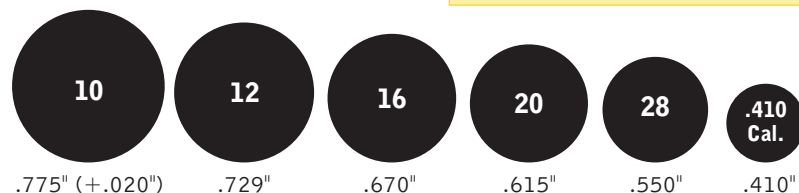
.45, .458
.44, .444
.40, 10mm
.357, .38, 9mm
.30, .30-06, .308, .32, 7.62mm, 8mm
.270, .280, 7mm
.22, .223, .243, .25, 5.56 mm, 6mm



Legal ammunition?

Check species sections for equipment restrictions.

SHOTGUN GAUGE SIZES



CONCEALED CARRY DEADLY WEAPONS PERMITS

Anyone who may legally possess firearms may carry firearms while hunting, but only persons with valid concealed carry deadly weapons permits may carry their firearms concealed.

CONVICTED FELONS

A person convicted of a felony is prohibited from possessing or hunting with a firearm in Kentucky. The prohibition on handguns applies to those convicted

SHOT SIZES

Diameter	9	8½	8	7½	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	BB	BBB	T	F
	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Inches	.08	.085	.09	.095	.10	.11	.12	.13	.14	.15	.16	.18	.19	.20	.22
mm	2.03	2.16	2.29	2.41	2.54	2.79	3.05	3.30	3.56	3.81	4.06	4.57	4.83	5.08	5.59

after Jan. 1, 1975. The prohibition on other firearms applies to those convicted after July 15, 1994. (See KRS 527.040 for more details.)

SPOTLIGHTING

No person may deliberately cast the rays of a spotlight or other artificial light into any field, pasture, woodlands or forest, whether public or private, where wildlife or domestic livestock may reasonably be expected to be located. Shining artificial lights into private residences or other structures is also prohibited. This does not apply to: the rays of headlights of vehicles engaged in a normal course of travel; lights being used in legitimate agricultural activities; anyone involved in activities legitimate to his or her business or occupation; circumstances including lawful hunting activities; or any landowner, his or her immediate family or any paid employee while working on his or her land at that time. No person shall take wildlife, except raccoons, opossums, fishes and frogs, using lights or other means designed to blind wildlife or make wildlife visible at night.

GAME CALLING DEVICES & RESTRICTIONS

- Hand or mouth-operated calls may be used in hunting all species.
- Mechanical and electronic (digitally reproduced or tape-recorded sound) calls or attracting devices may only be used to take groundhogs, coyotes, wild hogs, English sparrows and starlings during daylight hours year-round.
- A hunter may use electronic calls or attracting devices for furbearers during the furbearer season. Mechanical and electronic calls may be used to take crows only during crow season.
- Deer, turkey and elk hunters shall not use or possess electronic calling devices.

TREE STANDS

Construction and use of tree stands on **private lands** is regulated by landowners, not the department.

The use of nails, spikes, screws, wire, or tree climbers is prohibited for attaching a tree stand or climbing a tree on: all department-owned or managed WMAs, state parks open to hunting, Daniel Boone National Forest, Clark's River National Wildlife Refuge, Jeffer-

son National Forest, Reelfoot National Wildlife Refuge, Ohio River Islands National Wildlife Refuge, Land Between the Lakes, Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area, Fort Knox, Fort Campbell, Blue Grass Army Depot and Hidden Valley Training Area. Portable stands and tree climbers that do not injure trees may be used, but must be marked with the owner's name and address. Portable stands and tree climbers may be placed in trees no earlier than two weeks before the opening of the season and must be removed within one week after the season closes. Use of existing permanent tree stands is prohibited. On state parks open to hunting, tree stands must not be left unattended for more than 24 hours.

TRANSPORTATION AND HOLDING OF LIVE NATIVE WILDLIFE

A person may not take or possess live wildlife without first obtaining a permit when prescribed by regulation. A person shall not hold live native wildlife in captivity that was not legally taken or possessed. A person shall not buy or sell, offer to buy or sell, trade, or barter native wildlife or parts thereof obtained from the wild. Wildlife acquired prior to obtaining the proper permits may be confiscated and the holder fined. Orphaned wildlife may only be possessed by a licensed wildlife rehabilitator. Persons transporting live deer or other types of cervids (members of the deer family) without proper documentation or permits, or holding live deer captive in unpermitted facilities or pens, are subject to severe fines and may have their animals confiscated or destroyed.

DOG TRAINING & HUNTING WITH DOGS

Hunters may run or train dogs for rabbits, foxes, coyotes, raccoons and opossums year-round as long as game is harvested only during an open hunting season. Some WMAs have special restrictions on using dogs, so check ahead of time. All members of the party must have a valid hunting license (unless license-exempt) to pursue rabbits or furbearers, even when training dogs without taking game. Dogs may not be used to chase, molest or hunt deer and elk. Dogs may be used to chase or hunt bears

if a legal season is open. Dogs are permitted for locating and flushing turkeys during the fall turkey season only, and dogs on leash are permitted for tracking and locating wounded deer, elk and bear. Except during the hunting season, raccoon and opossum hunters shall not use any device to force a raccoon or opossum from trees or dens. **Raccoon squallers may be used year-round.**

BOBWHITE SHOOT-TO-TRAIN SEASON

For the purpose of bird dog training on private lands only, pen-reared bobwhite quail may be harvested August 15 through May 15 (excluding bobwhite hunting season), provided that prior to shooting a person must:

- Possess a valid hunting license, or be license-exempt
- Submit a completed application to the department
- Possess proof of the sale/ownership of the birds
- Possess a captive wildlife permit for pen-reared bobwhite if more than 100 birds in possession, or if kept for more than 10 days
- Make sure that the training area is free of wild quail
- Pen-reared birds must be banded (No. 7 leg bands or department-supplied bands) before release

MIGRATORY BIRD & WATERFOWL HUNTING

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) governs migratory bird and waterfowl hunting. Season dates for these species are finalized by the USFWS in August, which is too late to be included in this guide. However, the first portion of the Kentucky dove season usually opens September 1 each year and runs through late October. Hunters should consult the 2012-13 Early and Late Season Migratory Bird and Waterfowl Hunting guides for complete details on migratory bird and waterfowl hunting in Kentucky, or check the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife website at fw.ky.gov a few days before the season is expected to open.



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DEER HUNTING

TYPES OF DEER PERMITS

STATEWIDE DEER PERMIT

All deer hunters, unless license exempt, must first buy and carry proof of purchasing a statewide deer permit while deer hunting. This permit allows a hunter to take two deer: one antlered and one antlerless, or two antlerless. It doesn't matter if the antlered or antlerless deer is taken first.

ADDITIONAL DEER PERMIT

To take more than two deer, an **Additional Deer Permit** must be purchased. The **Additional Deer Permit** is valid for deer of either sex. Regardless of what permit a deer hunter carries, the statewide season limit for antlered deer is one per hunter.

In Zone 1, hunters may take an unlimited number of antlerless deer. In

Zones 2-4, hunters may take a total of four deer.

The statewide limit is ONE antlered deer per hunter, per season.

The **Additional Deer Permit** is not valid unless the hunter has first purchased an annual hunting license and statewide deer permit and is able to show proof of that in the field. A state-

wide or **Additional Deer Permit** may be used on public and private land, and during some quota hunts.

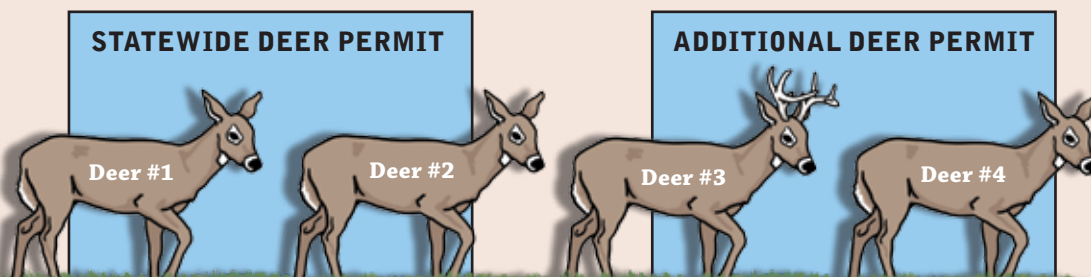
ONE-DEER PERMIT OPTION FOR YOUTH HUNTERS

Youth under the age of 12 do not need a hunting license or deer permit. Resident youth hunters, unless license exempt, and nonresident youth hunters ages 12-15 may buy and use up to two (2) youth deer permits in lieu of a statewide deer permit. This permit allows the holder to take **one (1) deer**, and is valid for either sex deer when zone restrictions allow. Youth must buy an **Additional Deer Permit** to take more than two deer. All hunters, including youth, must follow all deer hunting laws, zone harvest restrictions and bag limits.

Carry proof

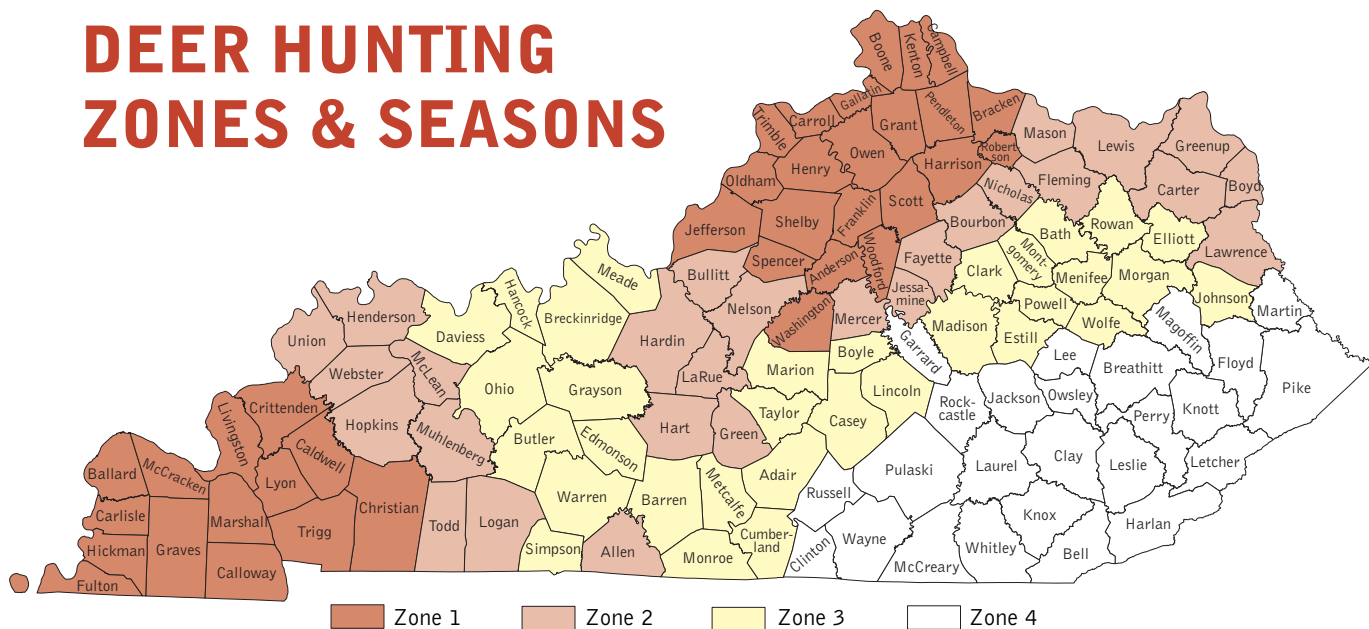
Hunters who buy their license or permit by phone or internet must carry while hunting: a picture ID and proof of purchase (an authorization number, paper license or computer print out). Paper licenses/permits must be signed and all information completed before hunting.

It is now legal to take a buck after first filling your statewide deer permit with two antlerless deer.



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DEER HUNTING ZONES & SEASONS



SEASON DATES

DEER	Statewide	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4
Modern Gun		Nov. 10-25, 2012 (either sex)		Nov. 10-19, 2012 (either sex)	Nov. 10-19, 2012 (antlered only)
Archery		Sept. 1, 2012 - Jan. 21, 2013 (either sex)			
Crossbow		Oct. 1-21 and Nov. 10 - Dec. 31, 2012 (either sex)			
Muzzleloader		Oct. 20-21 and Dec. 8-16, 2012 (either sex)			
Youth-only Firearms	Oct. 13-14, 2012 (either sex)				
Free Youth Weekend*	Dec. 29-30, 2012 (either sex)				

*During the Free Youth Deer Hunting Weekend, hunters ages 15 and under may hunt deer with a firearm without a license or deer permit, but must be accompanied by an adult.

Q: Can a hunter take a deer for someone else?

A: No. Hunters must claim any deer they take as their own. They must use their own license/permit and harvest log, and telecheck the deer using their own Social Security number.

BAG LIMITS

Bag limits and harvest restrictions apply to all hunters.

There is no daily bag limit on deer, but shall not exceed season bag limit.

See the "Restrictions By Zone" box on page 17 for details.

Landowners, dependents and tenants are prohibited from taking deer they

Maps online

See statewide harvest maps, hunting zones and more at fw.ky.gov. Click "Maps & Online Services," then "Game Maps."

RESTRICTIONS BY ZONE

ZONE 1

- A hunter may take an unlimited number of antlerless deer. Two (2) deer may be taken using the statewide deer permit and an unlimited number of antlerless deer may be taken using **Additional Deer Permits**.
- A hunter is limited to one (1) deer with visible antlers (excluding button bucks) per license year statewide.
- Hunters shall abide by the equipment restrictions in place for each season.

ZONE 2

- A hunter may take no more than four (4) deer total and combined in Zones 2, 3 and 4. Two (2) deer may be taken using the statewide deer permit and two (2) deer may be taken using one **Additional Deer Permit**.
- A hunter is limited to one (1) deer with visible antlers (excluding button bucks) per license year statewide.
- Hunters shall abide by the equipment restrictions in place for each season.

ZONE 3

- A hunter may take no more than two (2) deer with a firearm, and no more than four (4) deer total and combined in Zones 2, 3, and 4. Two (2) deer may be taken using the statewide deer permit and two (2) deer may be taken using one **Additional Deer Permit**.
- All four (4) deer may be taken with archery or crossbow equipment.
- A hunter is limited to one (1) deer with visible antlers (excluding button bucks) per license year statewide.
- Hunters shall abide by the equipment restrictions in place for each season.

ZONE 4

- A hunter may take no more than two (2) deer with a

firearm (one with a modern firearm and one with a muzzleloader, or both with a muzzleloader).

- A hunter may take no more than four (4) deer total and combined in Zones 2, 3 and 4. Two (2) deer may be taken using the statewide deer permit and two (2) deer may be taken using one **Additional Deer Permit**.
- All four (4) deer may be taken with archery or crossbow equipment.
- A hunter is limited to one (1) deer with visible antlers (excluding button bucks) per license year statewide.
- Antlerless deer can only be taken with a firearm by a youth during Youth Season or Free Youth Weekend, or by any hunter during the final three days of the December muzzleloader season.
- Hunters shall abide by the equipment restrictions in place for each season.

In summary...

Hunters may take a total of four deer statewide, except in Zone 1, where hunters may take an unlimited number of antlerless deer using **Additional Deer Permits**. In Zone 3 a hunter may take no more than two (2) deer with a firearm. In Zone 4 a hunter may take no more than two (2) deer with a firearm (one with a modern firearm and one with a muzzleloader, or both with a muzzleloader). In Zone 4 antlerless deer may only be taken with a firearm by a youth during Youth Season or Free Youth Weekend, or by any hunter during the final three days of the December muzzleloader season. If a hunter takes two (2) antlerless deer on a statewide deer permit, one (1) antlered deer may still be taken, if an **Additional Deer Permit** has been purchased.

don't claim and check in as their own.

See page 41 for deer hunting regulations and bag limits on WMAs.

A hunter must abide by all license and permit use requirements, season dates, and equipment and harvest restrictions in effect for the location where they hunt and time when they hunt.

ANTLERED DEER LIMIT

From Sept. 1, 2012 through Jan. 21, 2013, a person may take no more than **one (1) deer with visible antlers** (excluding button bucks) in Kentucky, except bonus antlered deer may be taken on Land Between the Lakes, Reelfoot National Wildlife Refuge, Ft. Campbell and Ft. Knox Military Reservations and

Blue Grass Army Depot as determined by the governing agency for each area.

Q: Can a hunter take two deer from private land in a Zone 2 county, and later take three more deer from another private farm in a Zone 3 county?

A: No. If you hunt private land in Zone 2, 3, or 4, the total season bag limit is four deer per hunter. Even if you hunt in more than one of these zones, four deer is all you can legally take. (You can take additional antlerless deer in Zone 1.)

ANTLERLESS DEER LIMIT

1. In Zone 1 counties, there is no season limit on antlerless deer.
2. In Zone 2, 3 and 4 counties, the **combined** season limit is four (4) per hunter. Hunters may choose to take up to one (1) antlered deer and three (3) antlerless deer, OR take up to four (4) antlerless deer total.

Taxidermists only:

Inedible parts of wildlife, including mounts, antlers, and other inedible parts of legally taken deer, may **ONLY** be sold to or purchased from a licensed taxidermist.

HUNTING EQUIPMENT RESTRICTIONS

MODERN GUN SEASON

During modern gun deer season, hunters may hunt with modern firearms, muzzleloading firearms, archery and crossbow equipment, and must follow season restrictions, zone guidelines and hunting requirements in effect.

ALL HUNTERS, and persons accompanying hunters, must wear hunter orange clothing. **Persons ages 15 and under who hunt deer with a firearm must be accompanied by an adult who shall remain able and in a position to take immediate control of the youth's firearm at all times.**

Hunter orange required!

Kentucky's Hunter Orange Clothing Law requires **ALL HUNTERS** and persons accompanying them, hunting for any species during the modern gun, muzzleloading, and youth firearm deer seasons, or a firearm elk or bear season, to wear solid, unbroken hunter orange color visible from all sides on the head, back and chest.

ARCHERY SEASON

During portions of the deer season when only archery equipment can be used, deer hunters shall not use firearms or crossbows to take deer.

Hunters using archery equipment

LEGAL FIREARMS EQUIPMENT

- Any caliber centerfire rifle or centerfire handgun. But, firearms may NOT be able to hold more than 11 rounds (10 in magazine and one in chamber), may NOT be fully-automatic (capable of firing more than one round with one trigger pull), and may NOT be shooting full metal jacketed or tracer bullet ammunition.
- Shotguns, no larger than 10-gauge, shooting slug ammunition (includes sabot bullets) ONLY.
- Muzzleloading rifles, handguns, or shotguns shooting round balls, conical bullets, or sabot bullets.

LEGAL MUZZLELOADING EQUIPMENT

- Muzzleloading rifles or handguns of any caliber, with flint or percussion ignition (including in-lines), shooting round balls, conical bullets or sabot bullets.
- Muzzleloading firearms equipped with open sights or telescopic sights (scopes).
- Muzzleloading shotguns no larger than 10-gauge, shooting round balls, conical bullets or sabot bullets.

LEGAL ARCHERY EQUIPMENT

- Longbows, recurves and compound bows of any draw weight (no minimum).
- Wood, carbon or metal arrows, but arrows may NOT be chemically-treated.
- Fixed blade or mechanical broadheads at least 7/8" wide (when blades extended), but broadheads may NOT be barbed, or chemically-treated.

LEGAL CROSSBOW EQUIPMENT

- Crossbows of any draw weight (no minimum), with a working safety.
- Wood, carbon or metal arrows (bolts), but arrows (bolts) may not be chemically treated.
- Fixed blade or mechanical broadheads at least 7/8" (when blades extended), but broadheads may NOT be barbed, or chemically treated.

during a deer firearms season must follow all firearm season restrictions, zone guidelines and hunting requirements in effect, and **MUST** wear hunter orange clothing.

The only exception is on state owned or managed WMAs where firearms hunting for deer or elk is prohibited. On these areas hunters are not required to wear hunter orange while hunting for deer or elk with archery equipment during firearms seasons.

CROSSBOW SEASON

Hunters may take deer with crossbows and archery gear during crossbow seasons, but shall not use firearms to take deer during crossbow seasons.

Hunters using crossbows during a deer firearms season must follow all firearm season restrictions, zone guidelines and hunting requirements in effect, and **MUST** wear hunter orange clothing.

The only exception is on state owned or managed WMAs where firearms hunting for deer or elk is prohibited. On these areas hunters are not required to wear hunter orange while hunting for deer or elk with crossbows during firearms seasons.

MUZZLELOADING SEASON

Muzzleloaders, archery and crossbow equipment may be used during this season. **ALL HUNTERS** must comply with the hunter orange clothing law. **Persons ages 15 and under hunting deer with a muzzleloader must be accompanied by an adult who shall remain able and in a position to take immediate control of the youth's muzzleloader at all times.**

Keep up-to-date on what's been telechecked in your area! Scan this symbol with your smartphone for quick access to Telecheck Review on Kentucky Fish and Wildlife's website!



YOUTH DEER HUNTING

Youth may hunt deer during any open season, including two special deer seasons for **resident and non-resident hunters** who have not reached their 16th birthday.

The legal equipment for these youth firearms hunts is the same as the legal equipment for modern gun season for deer. Youth hunters should select "statewide license" when telechecking their deer, and use their social security number.

Youth 15 years of age and under hunting deer with a firearm, during any season, must be accompanied by an adult who shall be in position to take immediate control of the youth

hunter's firearm at all times.

Adults accompanying youth deer hunters during either of these hunts may NOT use firearms to take deer. Adults accompanying youth hunters are not required to possess a hunting license or deer permit if the adult is not deer hunting, but by law, the hunter and the accompanying adults must wear hunter orange clothing.

OCTOBER YOUTH-ONLY FIREARMS SEASON

The first special youth deer season is on the second weekend of October. In 2012, the dates are Oct. 13-14. Youth hunters may take deer with firearms, or any other legal method, statewide.

During the October youth-only firearms season the appropriate hunting license and deer permits are required for hunters ages 12-15, and all bag limits, zone restrictions and deer hunting requirements apply.

Youth hunters under age 12 are not required to have a hunting license or deer permit.

Q: A youth hunter took a buck during modern gun season. Can a second buck be taken during the Free Youth Deer Hunting Weekend?

A: No. Kentucky has a one-buck limit per hunter, per season.

Q: How many Youth Deer Permits (\$10 each) may a youth hunter purchase?

A: Two. To take additional deer, youth hunters must purchase **Additional Deer Permits** (\$15 each, for two deer). See pages 16-17 for season bag limits and harvest restrictions for Zones 1-4.

FREE YOUTH DEER HUNTING WEEKEND

On the first weekend following Christmas, this year on Dec. 29-30, 2012, **resident and nonresident youth 15 years of age and under, who are accompanied by an adult**, are eligible to participate in this hunt.

Youth hunters may hunt deer with firearms, or any other legal method, statewide **without a hunting license or deer permit**, but all bag limits, zone restrictions, and deer hunting requirements apply.

CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE

If you hunt deer in Illinois, Missouri, Virginia and West Virginia and any other CWD positive state you may not bring a deer back into Kentucky unless the brain and spinal column have been removed first.

Allowed parts from CWD-infected states and provinces include: quarters or other portions of meat with no part of the spinal column or head attached, boned-out meat, antlers, antlers attached to a clean skull plate, a clean skull, clean teeth, hides and finished taxidermy products.

CWD has not been detected in Kentucky.

CWD has been found in 21 states and 2 Canadian provinces: Colorado, Illinois, **Iowa**, Kansas, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, **Texas**, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming, Alberta and Saskatchewan.



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www.huntersforhungry.org

Kentucky Hunters for the Hungry (KHFH), a non-profit, volunteer-run organization, encourages hunters to harvest and donate deer each season, to be distributed to homeless shelters and food banks throughout the state.

You can also donate \$2 when renewing your car or truck's registration and help pay the cost of turning venison into a nutritious meal for the less fortunate in local communities across Kentucky.

KENTUCKY'S TROPHY BUCKS



180 5/8
Ryan S. Cox
Bath County
Typical, Archery

Bill Cooper photo

BOONE & CROCKETT TROPHY DEER 2011 SEASON - NON-TYPICAL

SCORE	Hunter	County	Method
203 1/8	David A. Daugherty	Hopkins	Modern gun
202 0/8	Jacob Duke	Hardin	Archery
200 3/8	Kristopher D. Kelley	Logan	Archery
198 7/8	Stanley Young	Owsley	Modern gun
198 2/8	Robert Ammons	Hardin	Archery
196 5/8	Chris L. Broughton	Whitley	Modern gun
196 2/8	Vandy Thomason	Graves	Archery
193 6/8	Steve Otten	Gallatin	Muzzleloader
193 5/8	Johnny Cornett	Laurel	Modern gun
191 6/8	Matthew B. Bailey	McLean	Modern gun
191 5/8	Tyler Parks	Nicholas	Modern gun
190 7/8	Billy D. Uzzle, Jr.	Fulton	Modern gun
190 1/8	Kent Robinson	Greenup	Archery
188 3/8	Shannon Boling	Owen	Archery
188 2/8	Huey Vincent	Edmonson	Modern gun
187 4/8	David E. Ison	Elliott	Archery

This list includes deer scored and reported to Kentucky Fish and Wildlife by May 1. It is possible unreported bucks taken last year in Kentucky may have scored 160 typical or 185 non-typical or higher.

BOONE & CROCKETT TROPHY DEER 2011 SEASON - TYPICAL

SCORE	Hunter	County	Method
180 5/8	Ryan S. Cox	Bath	Archery
180 3/8	Michael Farris	Christian	Modern gun
179 5/8	Dean Trent	Green	Modern gun
176 4/8	Justin Yeary	Shelby	Modern gun
175 3/8	Tim Gosser	Casey	Modern gun
174 6/8	Ramsey Wisdom	Metcalfe	Modern gun
174 5/8	Devon Wilson	Harrison	Modern gun
174 4/8	Marion E. Wells, III	Scott	Modern gun
174 1/8	Ricky Roy	Todd	Modern gun
173 7/8	Kevin C. Peak	Shelby	Muzzleloader
173 5/8	Billy R. Nelson	Livingston	Modern gun
173 1/8	Kalem Newton	Kenton	Archery
172 7/8	Randy Huddleston	Whitley	Modern gun
172 2/8	Darick Knuckles	Knox	Modern gun
172 2/8	Troy Sluder	Green	Archery
171 4/8	Kevin Roseberry	Campbell	Archery
171 2/8	Marvin Weaver	Hart	Archery
171 1/8	James C. Epling	Greenup	Muzzleloader
170 6/8	Donald R. Barnes	Warren	Modern gun
167 7/8	Chris Brown	Christian	Muzzleloader
167 1/8	Paul Hill	Johnson	Modern gun
167 0/8	Jessie Morris	Whitley	Modern gun
166 3/8	Mike Sweeney	Todd	Muzzleloader
166 1/8	Roy D. Franklin	Oldham	Archery
165 4/8	William Hamm	Greenup	Modern gun
165 2/8	William M. Collins	Bullitt	Modern gun
165 1/8	Aaron Thomas	Ohio	Modern gun
165 0/8	Chatty Lee	Casey	Modern gun
164 7/8	Daniel Jarboe	Ohio	Muzzleloader
164 7/8	Bryan Wilson	Ohio	Modern gun
164 5/8	Henry Byer	Lincoln	Archery
164 5/8	John Lemker	Boone	Modern gun
164 4/8	Josh Taylor	Casey	Modern gun
164 1/8	Donnie Oliver	Christian	Modern gun
163 7/8	Lee Daniel Campbell	Breathitt	Archery
163 6/8	Michael Studer	Campbell	Archery
163 5/8	Jimmy Davis	Carter	Muzzleloader
163 1/8	Dylan Henderson	Todd	Modern gun
162 5/8	Randell Shelton	Clinton	Modern gun
161 0/8	Brian K. Green	Bracken	Crossbow
160 6/8	Vincent Sulfridge	Whitley	Modern gun
160 3/8	Russell Allen	Owen	Archery
160 3/8	Tyler Williams	Pike	Modern gun
160 2/8	Tony Mahaffey	Rockcastle	Archery
160 2/8	Jimmy Lambert	Ohio	Modern gun
160 2/8	Jimmy Thompson	Daviess	Modern gun
160 2/8	Darryl True	Harrison	Modern gun
160 1/8	Rick Williams	Casey	Modern gun
160 1/8	Shane E. Stiltner	Greenup	Archery
160 1/8	Michael E. Noffsinger	Hopkins	Modern gun

HOW TO GET ON NEXT YEAR'S TROPHY LIST

Hunters who take a white-tailed deer in Kentucky this season that officially scores 160 or higher typical, or 185 or higher non-typical in the Boone & Crockett scoring system should contact the department. Call 1-800-858-1549 to find a scorer or report an official score. Completed official score sheets may be sent to the address below. Please indicate the method used to take the trophy buck. Trophies taken this season will be published in the next season's guide. Good, sharp photos may also be printed if received by April 1. Submissions may be sent to: Kentucky Hunting & Trapping Guide, #1 Sportsman's Lane, Frankfort, KY 40601. Please send a **copy** of your photos and score sheets, as they will not be returned.



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KENTUCKY DEPT. OF FISH & WILDLIFE RESOURCES

WHO WE ARE

The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources is an agency of the Kentucky Tourism, Arts & Heritage Cabinet. Our nine-member commission is nominated by Kentucky sportsmen and sportswomen and appointed by the governor. This commission appoints the department's commissioner.

We employ about 500 people full-time, including conservation officers, wildlife and fisheries biologists, conservation educators, and information technology, public relations, customer service and administrative professionals.

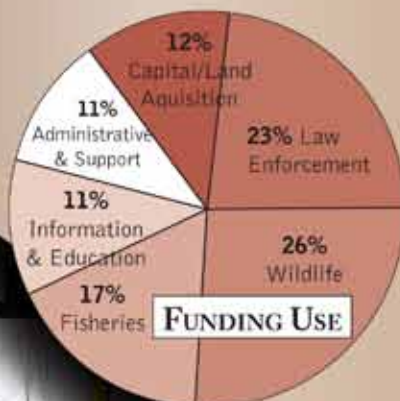
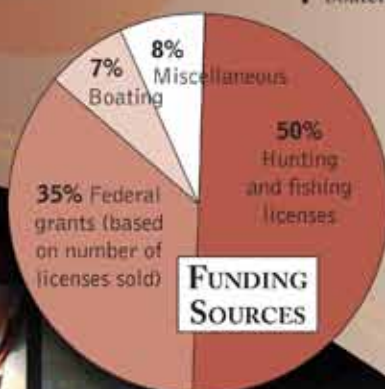
Our headquarters is located in Frankfort, but we work with landowners, hunters, anglers, boaters and wildlife enthusiasts statewide.

WHAT WE DO

We conserve and enhance fish and wildlife resources and provide opportunity for hunting, fishing, trapping, boating and other wildlife-related activities.

Every year, we:

- Enforce hunting, fishing and boating laws across Kentucky for resource protection and public safety.
- Manage about 1 million acres of public land and water for the benefit of all fish and wildlife species.
- Stock more than 4 million fish in public waters.
- Build and maintain public boat ramps, shooting ranges and bank fishing access areas, and acquire new public land and maintain facilities (capital construction).
- Assist about 2,000 private landowners with fish and wildlife habitat improvement.
- Inform and educate more than 400,000 kids and adults through education and outreach programs.



HOW YOU HELP

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife receives no money from the state's General Fund.

You provide our agency's funding every time you:

- Buy a hunting or fishing license
- Buy a firearm, ammunition, or fishing or archery equipment
- Pay your boat registration fee
- Buy fuel for your boat



Dan Crank photo

ELK HUNTING

DATES, RESTRICTIONS AND HOW TO APPLY

QUOTA ELK	Firearms	Archery	Crossbow
Bull (antlered)	Week 1: Oct. 6-12, 2012 Week 2: Oct. 13-19, 2012	Sept. 15 - Oct. 5, Oct. 20 - Dec. 7, and Dec. 22, 2012 - Jan. 21, 2013	Oct. 20-21, Nov. 10 - Dec. 7, and Dec. 22-31, 2012
Cow (antlerless)	Week 1: Dec. 8-14, 2012 Week 2: Dec. 15-21, 2012	Oct. 20 - Dec. 7, and Dec. 22, 2012 - Jan. 21, 2013	
Youth-only Quota (either sex)	Sept. 29 - Oct. 1, 2012		

Hunters must follow deer season and equipment regulations to take elk from any county not included in the 16-county elk restoration zone (out-of-zone), and must have an out-of-zone elk permit.

HOW THE QUOTA HUNTS WORK

On Dec. 1, 2012, elk lottery applications will go on sale for the 2013-14 season. Hunters must buy their lottery applications before midnight EDT April 30, 2013. Elk lottery applications can only be purchased online from the department's website at fw.ky.gov. Residents and nonresidents are eligible to apply for elk quota hunts. Each application costs \$10.

Hunters 15 years of age and under may apply for a youth-only quota hunt during the same application period as the regular elk quota hunt lottery. Five either-sex elk permits will be drawn.

Applicants for this youth-only hunt may also purchase elk lottery applications for the regular elk quota hunts. A youth may not be drawn for the youth-only quota hunt and the regular quota hunt for elk in the same year,

and if drawn for the youth-only hunt, a youngster will be permanently blocked from applying for the youth-only hunt again.

Only individuals may purchase elk lottery applications, not a party of hunters together. Hunters may apply for up to two of four tag types (bull firearms, bull archery or crossbow, cow firearms, and cow archery or crossbow), but may not apply twice for one tag type. A random computer drawing is held in May to award permits from the pool of applicants. Hunters may check to see if they were drawn on fw.ky.gov.

Drawn hunters must then specify their first, second and third choice from the 10 Elk Hunting Units (EHUs). Then a second drawing is held in July to assign each hunter to an EHU, based on the availability of an opening in the EHU of their choice, at the time their

name was drawn. Results are posted on fw.ky.gov.

Resident hunters drawn for a quota elk permit are required to buy a \$30 elk quota hunt permit in addition to an annual hunting license. Non-residents drawn are required to buy a \$365 non-resident quota elk permit in addition to an annual Kentucky nonresident hunting license. Quota elk permits must be purchased from the department's website prior to hunting. It's the hunter's responsibility to find a place to hunt in their assigned EHU.

Information about where to hunt can be found at fw.ky.gov. Hunters must get landowner permission to hunt private land. Hunters in the field are allowed two assistants, but only the permit holder is allowed to hunt.

Hunters awarded a bull elk permit will be blocked for three years from ap-

plying for another bull elk permit. For example, hunters awarded bull permits for the 2012-13 season are ineligible to apply for another bull tag until the 2016-17 season.

QUOTA HUNTS WITHIN THE RESTORATION ZONE

The elk restoration zone includes the following 16 counties: Bell, Breathitt, Clay, Floyd, Harlan, Johnson, Knott, Knox, Leslie, Letcher, Magoffin, Martin, McCreary, Perry, Pike and Whitley.

Inside this restoration zone, elk may only be taken by hunters drawn for a quota hunt as previously described.

Permits for quota elk hunts are non-transferable.

All quota elk hunters must display a department-issued hang tag in their vehicles while hunting.

Drawn hunters were mailed a paper copy of the regulations to the address on record for hunting elk inside the restoration zone; the regulations and maps can also be viewed online at fw.ky.gov.

ELK HUNTING OUTSIDE THE RESTORATION ZONE

Elk may be taken from any county **outside** the restoration zone by hunters who possess an annual Kentucky hunting license and an out-of-zone elk permit. These hunters must follow deer

LEGAL EQUIPMENT FOR ELK SEASON

- A modern rifle of .270 caliber or larger, but firearms may NOT be able to hold more than 11 rounds (10 in the magazine and one in the chamber), may NOT be fully automatic (capable of firing more than one round with one trigger pull), and may NOT be shooting full metal jacketed or tracer ammunition.
- A muzzleloading rifle of .50 caliber or larger.
- A muzzle-loading or breech-loading shotgun no larger than 10-gauge, and no smaller than 20-gauge, firing a single projectile (slug, round ball, conical bullet or sabot bullet) ONLY.
- A handgun with a barrel length of six (6) inches, or longer, with a bore diameter of .270 inches or larger, when firing a bullet, producing at least 550 ft/lbs of energy at 100 yards.
- Archery and crossbow equipment.

season and equipment regulations, but are not required to possess a deer permit.

Elk taken in counties **OTHER THAN THE 16 COUNTIES LISTED** do not count toward the deer season limit. The season bag limit on elk is one per hunter per season, regardless of permit type. Hunters may not take an elk during a quota elk hunt and also take an elk out-of-zone during the same season.

BAG LIMIT/HUNTER ORANGE

The season bag limit on elk is one per hunter per season, regardless of permit type. Hunters may not take an elk during a quota elk hunt and also take an elk out-of-zone during the same season.

Elk hunters and those who accompany them, or any other person hunting public or private lands in the elk restoration zone during firearm elk seasons, must comply with the hunter orange clothing law.

CHECKING AND TAGGING

All elk must be telechecked. Hunters must call 1-800-245-4263 and report the harvest. (See the General Information section for details.) Hunters who fail to properly report harvested elk taken in counties outside the restoration zone are subject to severe fines and other penalties.

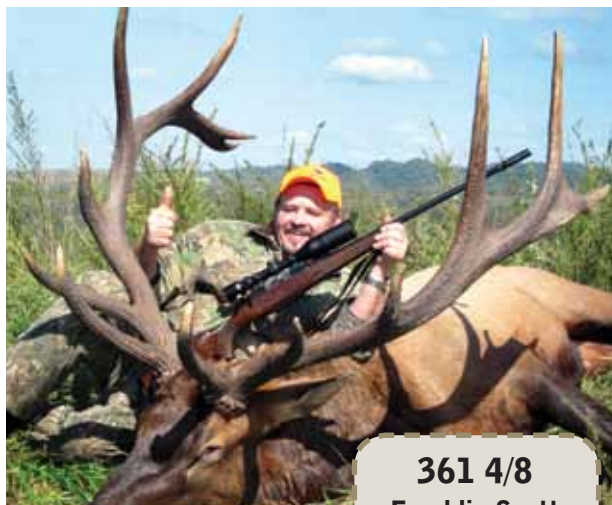
A carcass tag is required if a harvested elk leaves the hunter's possession for any reason.

KENTUCKY'S TROPHY BULLS: Top 10 bull elk taken by hunters

SCORE	Hunter	County	Method	Year
*372 6/8	Terrell Royalty	Knott	Modern gun	2009
371 0/8	Greg Neff	Bell	Modern gun	2007
*367 7/8	Kelvin Jackson	Harlan	Modern gun	2008
367 0/8	Bill Auxier	Knott	Modern gun	2007
361 4/8	Franklin Scott	Knott	Modern gun	2006
*357 0/8	Bruce Brantley	Perry	Crossbow	2011
*356 6/8	Chris Godby	Knott	Modern gun	2009
353 1/8	Wesley Gage Fultz	Leslie	Modern gun	2007
*349 2/8	Andy Kidd	Perry	Modern gun	2006
*348 0/8	Ken Peters	Perry	Modern gun	2007

* Non-typical

This list includes the 10 largest bull elk scored and reported to Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. It is possible unreported bulls taken in Kentucky may have scored higher than listed bulls.



361 4/8
Franklin Scott
Knott County
Typical, Modern gun



Adrienne Yancy photo

BEAR HUNTING

SEASON DATES & RESTRICTIONS

BEAR	Firearms, archery and crossbow
	Dec. 8-10, 2012 in Bell , Harlan, Letcher and Pike counties only.

PROPOSALS FOR 2012

[CLICK HERE FOR NEW 2012 BEAR SEASONS](#)

Bear season regulations for 2012 were still pending legislative approval when this guide went to press. [On August 2, 2012 those regulations received final legislative approval and are now in effect. New bear hunting opportunities include a 3-day gun, archery and crossbow season; inclusion of Bell County into the Bear Zone; an early chase-only season with dogs; a quota hunt for bears using dogs; and a late chase-only season.](#) Please click the link above or call 1-800-858-1549 for more information on Kentucky's bear seasons.

HOW THE SEASON WORKS

1. Bear hunting is open Dec. 8-10, 2012 in [Bell](#), Harlan, Letcher and Pike counties only, and to Kentucky residents only.
2. Hunters must purchase a \$30 bear permit, in addition to an annual Kentucky hunting license.
3. The total season quota is 10 bears or

5 female bears, whichever limit hunters reach first. If the limit is reached on the first day, the season will close a half-hour after sunset. Hunters may NOT disturb or take bears from dens.

4. Hunters must call 1-800-858-1549 after 9 p.m. on the first day of hunting to check if the bear quota has been reached. If the quota has not been reached, the season will continue.
5. Bear hunting is prohibited on the Hensley-Pine Mountain WMA. Additionally, bear hunting within the 13,572 acres surrounding this WMA is limited to landowners, their spouses and dependent children hunting on their own property. See map for detailed bear sanctuary boundaries.

BAG LIMIT

The season bag limit is one bear per hunter.

HUNTER ORANGE REQUIREMENT

Bear hunters and those who accompany them, or any other person hunting public or private lands in the bear hunting zone during bear season, must comply with the hunter orange clothing law.

CHECKING REQUIREMENT

All bears must be recorded and telechecked according to the require-

Q: Is it legal to shoot a bear that is feeding at a trash can or dumpster?

A: No. Garbage is considered bait.

ments outlined in the General Information section. Bears taken during the firearms, archery and crossbow season must also be checked at a department-operated check station, where successful hunters will be issued a permanent kill tag. Hunters must telecheck their bear before leaving the station. Locations of check stations are available at [fw.ky.gov](#) or by calling 1-800-858-1549.

OTHER RESTRICTIONS

Hunters may not take female bears with cubs, or any bear weighing less than 75 pounds.

Hunters may not use bait during any bear season. Dogs may not be used to hunt bears during the firearm, archery and crossbow season, but leashed tracking dogs may be used to recover wounded bears.

Firearm bear hunters 15 years old and younger must be accompanied by an adult, who shall remain in a position to take immediate control of the youth's firearm.

LEGAL BEAR EQUIPMENT

- A modern rifle of .270 caliber or larger, but firearms may NOT be able to hold more than 11 rounds (10 in the magazine and one in the chamber), may NOT be fully automatic (capable of firing more than one round with one trigger pull), and may NOT be used with full metal jacketed or tracer ammunition.
- A muzzleloading rifle of .50 caliber or larger.
- A muzzle-loading or breech-loading shotgun no larger than 10-gauge, and no smaller than 20-gauge, firing a single projectile (slug, round ball, conical bullet or sabot bullet) ONLY.
- A handgun with a barrel length of six (6) inches, or longer, with a bore diameter of .270 inches or larger, when firing a bullet, producing at least 550 ft/lbs of energy at 100 yards.
- Archery and crossbow equipment.

WHERE TO HUNT BEAR



Maps online

See statewide harvest maps, hunting zones and more at fw.ky.gov. Click "Maps & Online Services," then "Game Maps."

Orange is the law!

ALL hunters, and persons accompanying them, hunting any species in **Bell**, Harlan, Letcher and Pike counties during bear season, must wear hunter orange clothing.

Closed to hunting!

Cumberland Gap National Historical Park, Hensley-Pine Mountain WMA and Kingdom Come State Park are closed to bear hunting.

PUBLIC HUNTING AREAS

Firearms, archery and crossbow

Asher Hunting Access Area

Boone Forestlands WMA

Corrigan WMA

Cranks Creek WMA

Daniel Boone National Forest

Elk Forest WMA

Fishtrap Lake WMA

Jefferson National Forest

Kentonia State Forest

Kentucky Ridge Forest WMA

Kentucky Ridge State Forest

Martins Fork Lake WMA

Martins Fork WMA & State

Natural Area

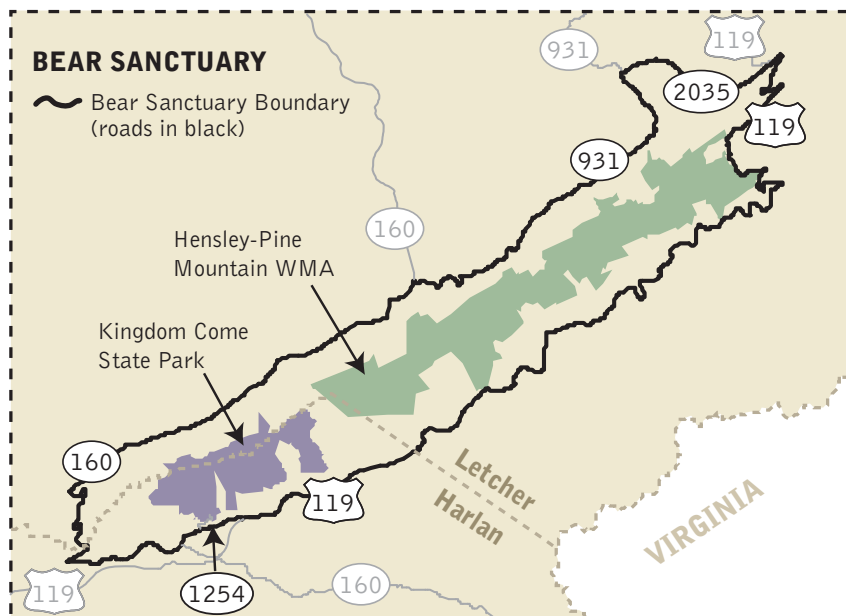
Shillalah Creek WMA

Stone Mountain WMA

& State Natural Area

BEAR SANCTUARY

~ Bear Sanctuary Boundary (roads in black)





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FALL TURKEY HUNTING

SEASON DATES & RESTRICTIONS

FALL TURKEY	Shotgun	Archery	Crossbow
	Oct. 27 - Nov. 2 and Dec. 1-7, 2012	Sept. 1, 2012 - Jan. 21, 2013	Oct. 1-21 and Nov. 10 - Dec. 31, 2012

BAG LIMITS

Four (4) birds total, either sex:

- No more than two (2) birds may be taken during archery and crossbow seasons.
- No more than two (2) birds may be taken during shotgun season, regardless of weapon.
- No more than one (1) bird may have a beard length of three (3) inches or longer.
- No more than one (1) bird may be taken per day.

PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

Adult hunters: Unless exempt, all fall turkey hunters ages 16 and older must carry a Fall Turkey Permit or have

been issued an authorization number for a Fall Turkey Permit before hunting. The Fall Turkey Permit is valid for fall archery, crossbow and shotgun turkey seasons. The permit is good for a total of four turkeys, following fall turkey bag limits and equipment restrictions.

Youth hunters: Youth under the age of 12 are exempt from license and turkey permit requirements. Youth ages 12-15 are eligible to purchase a Youth Turkey Permit, which is valid during any turkey season for one turkey. Youth hunters must abide by season bag limits and harvest restrictions but can use the youth permit throughout the license year. The Youth Sportsman's License includes one Youth Turkey Permit.

Q: Can more than one Youth Turkey Permit be purchased?

A: Yes. Youth hunters may buy multiple Youth Turkey Permits, but must follow the season bag limit.

Youth supervision

Firearm turkey hunters 15 years old and younger must be accompanied by an adult, who shall remain in a position to take immediate control of the youth's firearm at all times.

Anyone may call turkeys, or assist in the hunt, for a legal hunter.

Callers and assistants don't have to possess hunting licenses or turkey permits if they are not turkey hunting, and may carry equipment while in the field.

EQUIPMENT RESTRICTIONS

Turkey hunters may not use firearms to take turkeys during archery or crossbow-only seasons.

On some WMAs, special equipment restrictions apply, as noted in the Public Land Hunting section, which begins on page 41.

Q: Can all four birds be taken with archery or crossbow equipment?

A: Yes, but only two may be taken during the archery-only or crossbow seasons. The other two must be taken during the shotgun seasons.

HARVEST RECORDING & TAGGING REQUIREMENTS

The process and requirements for recording, checking and tagging harvested turkeys are the same as for deer, elk and bear. See page 10.

POSSESSION/RELEASE OF LIVE TURKEYS

Because of potential disease problems and genetic pollution, it is illegal to possess live wild turkeys. For the same reasons, domestic or pen-raised turkeys should not be released into the wild.

Hunters also take note: ONLY licensed taxidermists may sell the ined-

ible parts from harvested wild turkeys, including tail fans, beards and spurs.

HUNTING TURKEYS OVER BAIT IS ILLEGAL

It is illegal to hunt turkeys over bait – an area where feed, grains or other substances capable of luring wild turkeys have been placed. An area is considered baited until 30 days after the bait has been removed. An area where grain, feed or other substance exists as the result of bona fide agricultural practice or manipulating a crop for a wildlife management purpose is legal for turkey hunting.

LEGAL FALL TURKEY EQUIPMENT

- Breech-loading or muzzle-loading shotguns no larger than 10-gauge and no smaller than 20-gauge.
- Breech-loading shotguns must be plugged to hold a maximum of three shells (two in magazine and one in chamber).
- Lead or non-toxic shot no larger than number 4.
- Longbows, recurve bows, and compound bows, of any draw weight (no minimum).
- Crossbows, of any draw weight (no minimum), with a working safety.
- Broadheads at least 7/8" wide, which aren't barbed, chemically-treated, or have attachments that contain chemicals.

Scoring a record turkey!

For information about scoring a turkey for the official NWTF records system, log on to www.nwtf.org or contact National Wild Turkey Federation, Attn: Wild Turkey Records, P.O. Box 530, Edgefield, SC 29824-0530, telephone: 1-800-THE-NWTF.



Raise money for your conservation project with a Commission Conservation Permit!

Any incorporated nonprofit wildlife conservation organization or club can apply for a Commission Conservation Permit (Special Permit) in writing by submitting a conservation project proposal. Awarded permits can then be sold to raise money for the project.

The Commission may award up to ten quota elk hunting permits, ten deer permits, ten turkey, ten waterfowl and ten trout permits each year. Applicants may apply for one special permit per species.

For application details, visit fw.ky.gov and click on "Commissioner's Office." The deadline is May 1.



SMALL GAME & FURBEARERS

Laura Patton photo

SEASON DATES & RESTRICTIONS

SMALL GAME	Hunting	Trapping
Squirrel	Aug. 18 - Nov. 9 and Nov. 12, 2012 - Feb. 28, 2013	Noon, Nov. 12, 2012 - Feb. 28, 2013
Free Youth Hunting & Trapping Week	Dec. 29, 2012 - Jan. 4, 2013	

FURBEARERS	Hunting	Trapping
Raccoon & Opossum	Oct. 1, 2012 - Feb. 28, 2013	Noon Nov. 12, 2012 - Feb. 28, 2013
Coyote	Year-round	
Bobcat	Noon Nov. 24, 2012 - Feb. 28, 2013	
River Otter, Muskrat, Mink, Beaver, Red Fox, Gray Fox, Weasel & Striped Skunk	Noon Nov. 12, 2012 - Feb. 28, 2013	
Free Youth Hunting & Trapping Week	Dec. 29, 2012 - Jan. 4, 2013	

Seasons on WMAs and other public hunting lands not managed by Kentucky Fish and Wildlife may be different from statewide seasons. Please check individual area listings, beginning on page 44.

Rabbit & Quail

Nov. 12, 2012 - Feb. 10, 2013, in the following counties: Allen, Ballard, Butler, Caldwell, Calloway, Carlisle, Christian, Crittenden, Daviess, Fulton, Graves, Hancock, Henderson, Hickman, Hopkins, Livingston, Logan, Lyon, Marshall, McLean, McCracken, Muhlenberg, Ohio, Simpson, Todd, Trigg, Union, Warren and Webster. **Rabbits may be trapped** noon Nov. 12, 2012 - Feb. 10, 2013 in these counties.

Nov. 1-9 and Nov. 12, 2012 - Jan. 31, 2013 in all other counties. **Rabbits may be trapped** noon Nov. 12, 2012 - Jan. 31, 2013 in these counties.

Statewide, quail may not be trapped.

Grouse

Nov. 1-9 and Nov. 12, 2012 - Feb. 28, 2013 in the following counties only: Adair, Bath, Bell, Boyd, Bracken, Breathitt, Campbell, Carter, Clark, Clay, Clinton, Cumberland, Elliott, Estill, Fleming, Floyd, Garrard, Greenup, Harlan, Harrison, Jackson, Johnson, Knott, Knox, Laurel, Lawrence, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Lewis, Lincoln, Madison, Magoffin, Martin, Mason, McCreary, Menifee, Montgomery, Morgan, Nicholas, Owsley, Pendleton, Perry, Pike, Powell, Pulaski, Robertson, Rockcastle, Rowan, Russell, Wayne, Whitley and Wolfe.

Statewide, grouse may not be trapped.

SEASON DATES AND BAG LIMITS

Season dates and bag limits for small game and furbearer species that can be hunted or trapped in Kentucky are listed in this section.

Rabbits and squirrels may be trapped during the dates listed in the table and adjacent boxes. Hunting bag limits apply. Trapping equipment and restrictions are the same as those listed in the furbearer section. A trapping license is required for anyone 12 years of age and older. Trappers must harvest furbearers, squirrels and rabbits upon capture, unless they possess a captive wildlife permit from Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. Quail and grouse may not be trapped.

FREE YOUTH WEEK

Resident and nonresident youth hunters and trappers ages 15 and under may hunt and trap small game and furbearers without a hunting or trapping license Dec. 29 - Jan. 4, 2013.

Hunter orange clothing must be worn by all hunters on Dec. 29-30, 2012 since youth hunters are also permitted to hunt deer with firearms at that time.

Youth hunters must abide by all equipment regulations and bag limits for small game and furbearers when hunting or trapping.

Hunter education is not required for license-exempt hunters. Adults accompanying youth hunters/trappers during the Free Youth Hunting & Trapping Week do not need a license if they are not hunting/trapping.

Hunter orange required!

Kentucky's Hunter Orange Clothing Law requires ALL HUNTERS and persons accompanying them, hunting for any species during the modern gun, muzzleloading, and youth firearm deer seasons, or a firearm elk or bear season, to wear solid, unbroken hunter orange color visible from all sides on the head, back and chest.



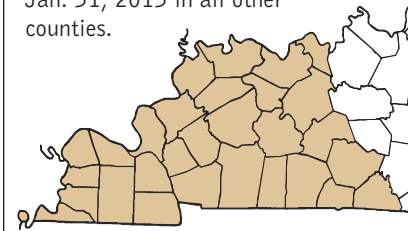
Have questions? Scan this symbol with your smartphone for quick access to Kentucky Fish and Wildlife's website!

RESTRICTIONS FOR SMALL GAME SEASONS

Rabbit & Quail Hunting Seasons

Nov. 12, 2012 - Feb. 10, 2013 in shaded counties.

Nov. 1-9 and Nov. 12, 2012 - Jan. 31, 2013 in all other counties.



The following animals are considered small game: squirrels, rabbits, northern bobwhite (quail) and grouse. Check the table on page 28 for small game season dates.

EQUIPMENT RESTRICTIONS

See box at right. Also, on some WMAs, special equipment restrictions apply, as noted in the Public Land Hunting section of this guide.

BAG LIMITS

- **Squirrel:** Daily limit is 6; possession limit is 12.
- **Rabbit:** Daily limit is 4; possession limit is 8.
- **Quail:** Daily limit is 8; possession limit is 16.
- **Grouse:** Daily limit is 4; possession limit is 8.

Q: Is there a limit on the number of rounds a magazine can hold when hunting small game with a rimfire .17 or .22?

A: No. There is no limit on a rimfire gun's magazine capacity when hunting small game.

LEGAL SMALL GAME EQUIPMENT

Hunting small game with slingshots is prohibited.

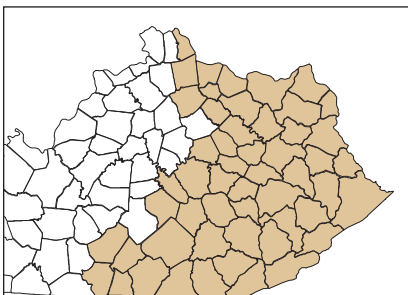
Hunters may ONLY use the following to take small game during the fall and winter seasons:

- Rifles that shoot rimfire ammunition, or .22 caliber handguns.
- Muzzle-loading or breech-loading shotguns no larger than 10-gauge. Breech-loading shotguns must be plugged to hold a maximum of three shells (two in magazine and one in chamber).
- Lead or non-toxic shot no larger than number 2.
- Muzzleloading rifles.
- Archery or crossbow equipment.
- Pellets fired from .177, .20 or .22 caliber airguns.
- Dogs may be used to aid in the hunt.
- Falconry.

Grouse Hunting Season

Nov. 1-9 and Nov. 12, 2012 - Feb. 28, 2013 in the shaded counties only.

Grouse hunting is also allowed on Pennyrite-Tradewater WMA and Ft. Knox during the month of December, except during quota deer hunts.



RESTRICTIONS FOR FURBEARER SEASONS

The following animals are considered furbearers: mink, muskrat, beaver, raccoon, opossum, gray fox, red fox, weasel, river otter, bobcat, coyote and striped skunk. Check the table on page 28 for furbearer hunting and trapping season dates. Furbearers may NOT be taken with slingshots.

EQUIPMENT RESTRICTIONS

See boxes at right. Also, on some WMAs, special equipment restrictions apply, as noted in the Public Land Hunting section of this guide.

RIVER OTTER

In 58 counties in northern, central and western Kentucky, the season bag limit for river otters is ten (10) per person.

The River Otter Zone 1 counties are: Anderson, Ballard, Bath, Boone, Bourbon, Bracken, Breckinridge, Bullitt, Caldwell, Calloway, Campbell, Carlisle, Carroll, Christian, Crittenden, Daviess, Fayette, Fleming, Franklin, Fulton, Gallatin, Grant, Graves, Grayson, Hancock, Hardin, Harrison, Henderson, Henry, Hickman, Hopkins, Jefferson, Kenton, LaRue, Livingston, Lyon, Marshall, Mason, McCracken, McLean, Meade, Muhlenberg, Nelson, Nicholas, Ohio, Oldham, Owen, Pendleton, Robertson, Rowan, Scott, Shelby, Spencer, Trigg, Trimble, Union, Webster and Woodford.

In the River Otter Zone 2 counties (the remaining 62 counties), the season limit for river otters is six (6) per person.

BOBCAT HUNTING & TRAPPING

Bobcats may be taken statewide and the season limit is five (5) bobcats

LEGAL EQUIPMENT FOR HUNTING FURBEARERS

- Muzzleloading or modern rifles or handguns of any caliber.
- Muzzle-loading or breech-loading shotguns no larger than 10-gauge. Breech-loading shotguns must be plugged to hold a maximum of three shells (two in magazine and one in chamber).
- Lead, or non-toxic shot of all sizes, including buckshot.
- Archery or crossbow equipment.
- Dogs.
- Falconry.

per person. Only three (3) may be taken with a gun.

LEGAL METHODS OF TAKE

Bobcats and otters may be taken by hunting during daylight hours or by trapping. The appropriate hunting or trapping license is required. Hunters may use hand- or mouth-operated calls, electronic calls, or attracting devices. Harvested bobcats and otters must be telechecked by calling 1-800-245-4263 **by midnight on the day the animal is recovered.** (This is the same checking system as for deer, elk, turkeys and bears.)

A hunter or trapper who wants to have a bobcat or otter mounted shall provide his or her Telecheck confirmation number to the taxidermist. Taxidermists cannot legally accept an unchecked otter or bobcat for mounting.

Hunters or trappers who intend to sell the raw fur of an otter or bob-

LEGAL EQUIPMENT FOR TRAPPING FURBEARERS

Trappers may use lights from boats or vehicles.

There are no restrictions on traps used as water sets.

The following equipment is permitted for dry-land sets, but traps may NOT be set closer than ten (10) feet apart, and traps may NOT be set in trails/paths commonly used by humans or domestic animals.

- Deadfalls, wire cages or box traps.
- Foothold traps with a maximum inside jaw spread of six (6) inches measured perpendicular to the hinges.
- Body-gripping traps with a maximum inside jaw spread of seven and one-half (7.5) inches measured parallel with the trigger.
- Snares.

cat must go online to fw.ky.gov or call 1-800-858-1549, provide their Telecheck confirmation number and request a CITES tag. The CITES tag shall be attached to and remain with the pelt until it is processed. Possession of an unused bobcat or otter CITES tag is prohibited.

Bobcat hunting and trapping is also permitted at Land Between the Lakes (LBL) National Recreation Area. See page 54 for contact information.

RACCOON & OPOSSUM HUNTING SEASON

During modern gun deer season, raccoon and opossum hunters may not hunt during daylight hours. Night hunting on Friday, Nov. 9, 2012 shall conclude by a half-hour before sunrise on Saturday, Nov. 10, 2012, which is when shooting hours open for modern gun deer season.

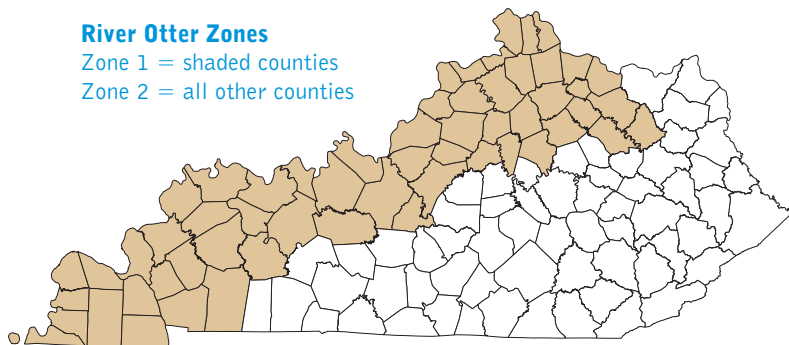
RACCOON & OPOSSUM TRAPPING SEASON

No bag limit. Raccoons and opossums may not be taken with the aid of lights from a boat except by trapping.

River Otter Zones

Zone 1 = shaded counties

Zone 2 = all other counties



MINK, MUSKRAT, BEAVER, RED FOX, GRAY FOX, WEASEL & STRIPED SKUNK

These species may be taken by hunting or trapping, with no bag limits.

COYOTE HUNTING

Coyotes may be hunted statewide, year-round, with no bag limit. Coyotes may NOT be hunted at night. Shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset. Both mouth calls and electronic calls that imitate wounded prey or coyote calls are legal. It is also legal to hunt coyotes over animal carcasses. A hunting license is required to hunt coyotes, unless license exempt.

COYOTE TRAPPING SEASON

Trapping coyotes is permitted only during the furbearer season, except landowners with nuisance coyote problems should contact their local conservation officer when trapping outside furbearer season. A trapping license is required to trap coyotes unless license exempt.

RUNNING THE TRAP LINE

All traps must bear a metal tag giving the name and address of the trapper, or a unique identification number as specified in KAR 2:251.

Any trap found without a tag can be immediately confiscated by the department without a court order. Land-



Sample trap tags

owner permission is required for trapping.

All traps must be visited at least once every 24 hours and all animals removed.

It is illegal to intentionally obstruct or disrupt the right of a person to lawfully take wildlife by trapping.

BUYING AND SELLING FURS & HIDES

There is no time restriction on the holding of raw furs of furbearers by a trapper or hunter after the close of furbearer season.

Raw furs (including hides from legally harvested deer) may be sold only to licensed taxidermists, licensed fur buyers or licensed fur processors.

Wildlife carcasses (except certain species produced by licensed propagators) may not be bought or sold.

Inedible parts of legally taken wildlife (including deer or elk antlers, and turkey fans or spurs) may only be sold to licensed taxidermists for the purpose of mounting. Wildlife mounts may be sold to or purchased from licensed taxidermists only.

HELP WITH BOBCAT RESEARCH!

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife is collecting bobcat carcasses for statewide studies of reproduction and age structure. If you would like to donate a carcass, please write the county, specific location (GPS location, creek name, road name, intersection, etc.), date the animal was trapped, hunted, or road-killed and collector name, address and phone number on a piece of paper. Enclose the paper in a Ziploc bag and attach it to the carcass. Please keep the carcass frozen and call 1-800-858-1549 to have it picked up.

Spotted skunks are protected year-round and may not be taken or possessed.

HOW FURBEARER HUNTERS & TRAPPERS CAN HELP

The raccoon strain of rabies has not been detected in Kentucky. However, it occurs in neighboring states east of the Appalachians.

The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources is working in cooperation with the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture (USDA) to monitor the westward spread of raccoon rabies and the potential occurrence in Kentucky.

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife is asking that hunters and trappers donate heads from raccoons, coyotes, skunks, and red and gray foxes from the following counties: Bell, Boyd, Bracken, Carter, Clay, Elliott, Fleming, Floyd, Greenup, Harlan, Johnson, Knott, Knox, Laurel, Lawrence, Leslie, Letcher, Lewis, Martin, Mason, McCreary, Perry, Pike, Robertson and Whitley.

Please remove the animal's head and place it in a Ziploc bag and freeze it. Label the bag with the species, county, specific location, date the animal was collected, sex and age if known, and collector name, address, and phone number.

Please call USDA at 1-866-487-3297 or Kentucky Fish and Wildlife at 1-800-858-1549 when you are ready for the heads to be picked up.

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife thanks you for your assistance in managing Kentucky's furbearer populations!

Your input is important!

Hunting logs help us monitor population trends for rabbit, quail, grouse and squirrels.

~ get a ~
FREE
hunting cap and annual report
with completed hunting log

Go to fw.ky.gov/smallgamelogs.asp or call 1-800-858-1549 to get a survey and instructions.



OTHER HUNTING SEASONS

OTHER SPECIES	Hunting
Crow	Sept. 1 - Nov. 7, 2012 and Jan. 4 - Feb. 28, 2013
Bullfrog	Noon May 18 - Oct. 31, 2012
Falconry	Sept. 1, 2012 - Mar. 30, 2013
Groundhog	year-round
Wild Pig*	year-round, except Big South Fork NRA

*It is illegal to possess live wild pigs in Kentucky; all trapped pigs must be killed at the trap site, and not released or moved. Wild pigs may not be hunted at night.

FALCONRY SEASON

The limit for this hunting method is two (2) of any small game or furbearer species per falconer per day, except during the fall and winter hunting season when the limits are the same as for other methods. Falconers must possess a falconry permit, as well as a valid Kentucky hunting license, and obey all applicable state and federal laws.

CROW SEASON

A hunting license is required unless the hunter is license exempt. A Kentucky Migratory Bird Permit is not required.

Electronic or mechanical calling devices may be used during the open seasons. Shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset. However, hunters may be in the field before and after shooting hours.

There is no daily or possession limit on crows.

Crows observed committing or about to commit acts of depredation may be taken year-round; however, persons attempting to take depredating crows shall not use blinds, decoys, calls or other lures to attract birds into shooting range during the closed season.

BULLFROG SEASON

Bullfrog season opens at noon on the third Friday in May, and runs through the end of October.

The daily limit (noon to noon) is 15; possession limit is 30.

If bullfrogs are taken by gun or bow and arrow, a hunting license is required. If taken by pole and line, a fishing license is required. If frogs are taken by gig or by

hand, either a hunting or fishing license is valid. It is illegal to possess a gig on a stream or lake, or in a boat, from Nov. 1 through Jan. 31.

TURTLES

Snapping turtles and soft shell turtles may be taken year-round with no bag limit. Alligator snapping turtles cannot be harvested.

A hunting license is required if turtles are taken by gun or bow and arrow. Consult the 2012-13 Kentucky Fishing & Boating Guide for information on other legal means of harvest.

WILD PIGS

Wild pigs may be hunted statewide, year-round, with no bag limit, except Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area.

Shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset. However, hunters may be in the field before and after shooting hours. A hunting license is required unless the hunter is license exempt.

Wild pigs out-compete native wildlife for food, damage crops, and carry diseases. Landowners are strongly encouraged to remove wild pigs from their property. Trapping, which is legal year-round, is the most effective method of removal.

Tell your local conservation officer about the use of snares and/or corral traps on your property.

Wild pigs must be killed at the trap site, and not released. It is illegal to possess, sell or transport wild pigs in Kentucky.

Report sightings, illegal activities related to wild pigs, and get advice on

trapping by calling Kentucky Fish and Wildlife at 1-800-858-1549.

Wild pigs may be hunted in the Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area from Sept. 1, 2012 - Feb. 28, 2013, but hunters must have a permit from the National Park Service.

GROUNDHOGS

Groundhogs may be hunted statewide, year-round, with no bag limit. A hunting license is required unless the hunter is license exempt.

BIRDS

Exotic, non-native birds (pheasant, chukar, English sparrow, starling, and Eurasian collared dove) may be hunted year-round without a hunting license, with no bag limit.

However, pheasants released during quota hunts are not open to year-round hunting on Green River WMA, Clay WMA and Yellowbank WMA.

All birds of prey and songbirds are protected under state and federal laws.

HOOFED STOCK

Exotic, non-native hoofed stock, except white-tailed deer and elk, may be hunted year-round without a hunting license, and with no bag limit or checking requirement.

However, the fallow deer on Land Between The Lakes National Recreation Area are not open to year-round hunting.

MAMMALS

All species of mice, moles, and rats are unprotected species and may be taken year-round without a hunting license.

However, the spotted skunk, a rare species found in eastern and southeastern Kentucky, is protected and may not be taken.

THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES

All threatened or endangered species are protected under state and federal laws and may not be taken.

TERRESTRIAL INVERTEBRATES

All species of terrestrial invertebrates (such as worms and insects) are unprotected and may be taken year-round without a hunting license.



Ben Robinson photo

QUOTA HUNTS

QUOTA HUNTS FOR DEER

To apply for
quota hunts:

Go online to fw.ky.gov
or call 1-877-598-2401

During the month of September only, hunters may go online to fw.ky.gov to apply for deer, pheasant, quail and upland bird quota hunts. Hunters may apply for any or all of these quota hunts at the same time. If you don't have access to a computer, you may call 1-877-598-2401 to apply.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Any resident or nonresident hunter may apply for a deer quota hunt. Only the person(s) successfully drawn for quota hunts may hunt. **SUBSTITUTIONS ARE NOT ALLOWED.** Before you apply, it is best to review the Deer Quota Hunt Choices chart and Special Instructions for Quota Deer Hunts for hunt dates and other important details about particular hunts.

Any legal deer hunting equipment is permitted during a quota hunt unless otherwise stated in the Special Instructions section. During hunts where firearms are permitted, hunters must comply with Kentucky's hunter orange clothing law.

On hunts where an antler spread limit is in effect, hunters who take bucks under the 15-inch minimum outside

spread limit will be ineligible to apply for a quota hunt the following season, and are subject to citation and having their deer confiscated. See graphic on page 35. Harvested deer must be recorded and reported for each hunt as noted in the Special Instructions section.

Hunters who do not comply with quota hunt requirements are ineligible to apply for **any** quota hunt the following year (including deer, pheasant, quail, upland bird and waterfowl), and will lose any accumulated preference points.

Statewide licensing requirements apply to quota hunters. Hunters must use their statewide deer permit or an additional deer permit.

During all quota hunts, the West Kentucky WMA Open Gun Deer Hunt (Jan. 19-21, 2013), and the Grayson Lake WMA Open Youth Deer Hunt (Nov. 3-4), only persons participating in these hunts will be allowed to enter the WMA, except to use established public roads or areas designated open by signs. Waterfowl hunting may be posted open on some areas.

Hunters must get permission from private landowners before crossing private property to access any quota hunt area or to retrieve downed deer from private property. Quota hunters must abide by the General User Guidelines for WMAs listed in this guide. Respect the property rights of adjacent landowners and do not trespass. Scouting and set-up of portable tree stands is permitted prior to hunts any time these areas are open. Portable tree

stands and climbing devices that do not injure trees may be used. Baiting is prohibited on state parks and WMAs.

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife handles the application and random drawing selection only for the WMAs it owns or operates. Drawings for quota hunts on areas not owned or operated by the department are conducted by the governing agencies of those lands. To apply for hunts on these areas, contact them directly. Numbers for other hunting areas are provided at the end of the Public Land Hunting section of this guide.

Owners of private inholdings (private property completely surrounded by WMA lands) or their guests may travel within the owner's lands, but may not enter the WMA except as described above.

Hunt area maps and quota hunt information will be available when hunters check in for quota hunts. Maps and information about WMA quota hunts are also available in advance through the department website at fw.ky.gov or by calling 1-800-858-1549. Check station locations are shown on these maps. **Specific requirements for those drawn for quota hunts appear later under Special Instructions for Quota Deer Hunts.**

MOBILITY-IMPAIRED QUOTA HUNTS

Persons with one of the following physical conditions are eligible to apply for a mobility-impaired quota hunt. At check in, drawn hunters must show a WMA Mobility-Impaired Access Per-

mit, available **in advance of the hunt date** from the department.

- Has permanent paralysis of at least one (1) leg;
- Has at least one (1) foot amputated;
- Is permanently confined to a wheelchair or must use crutches or a walker as a means of support to pursue daily activities;
- Is restricted by a lung disease to such an extent that the person's forced respiratory expiratory volume for one (1) second, when measured by spirometry, is less than one (1) liter, or the arterial oxygen tension is less than sixty (60) mm/Hg on room air at rest;
- Requires portable oxygen;
- Has a cardiac condition to the extent that the person's functional limitations are classified in severity as Class 3 or Class 4 according to standards set by the American Heart Association; or
- Has a diagnosed disease which creates severe mobility impairment.

APPLICATION DIRECTIONS

Hunters may go online, or call, to apply **one time** for a quota deer hunt. Applicants will be given the option to pick a first and second hunt choice, but may be drawn to participate in only one quota hunt. The non-refundable fee is \$3 per hunter to apply. Each hunter who applies correctly, but isn't selected, will receive a preference point that increases the odds of being drawn next year (as-

Q: If a hunter is drawn for a second hunt choice, are preference points retained?

A: No. When a hunter is drawn for a quota hunt, all previously credited preference points are lost, even if drawn for the second choice hunt. The exception is antlerless-only hunts at Taylorsville Lake WMA.

suming the hunter applies the following year). Unselected hunters who do not apply the following year will lose all previously credited preference points. **To prevent the loss of accumulated preference points, a hunter must apply every year. If the hunter does not want to be drawn that year, it is now possible to select a "no hunt" option. The \$3 application fee is required even if the "no hunt" option is selected. This new option helps hunters keep the preference points earned over a number of years.** Applicants are selected based on individual preference points. Up to five people can apply together with one call. If any one of the group's Social Security numbers is drawn, the others in the group are automatically drawn, too.

Quota hunters at Clay WMA will receive one preference point for each female deer harvested. Up to four preference points may be awarded, for use in the following year's quota hunt application. Hunters who do not apply the following year will lose all accumulated preference points.

Hunters drawn for a Taylorsville Lake WMA antlerless-only quota hunt will not lose accumulated preference points.

CHECK-IN INSTRUCTIONS FOR QUOTA DEER HUNTERS

1. **All quota deer hunters must check in before they hunt and out when finished hunting, the bag limit is reached, or when the hunt period concludes, and check deer daily at the designated check station, except quota hunters on the Green River Lake State Park Archery/Crossbow-Only, Marion County WMA & State Forest and Paul Van Booven WMA quota hunts. Hunters on the West Kentucky WMA quota and open gun hunts must check in daily.**
2. **At check-in, quota deer hunters must show the following:**
 - a. Their Social Security number or

Watch the clock

Check-in and check-out times for WMA quota hunts are:

- **Day before hunt:** Noon – 8 p.m. local time
- **Hunt days:** 5:30 a.m. – 8 p.m. Eastern, 4:30 a.m. – 7 p.m. Central, depending on WMA location. (Green River Lake WMA is considered in the Eastern Time Zone)

hunt confirmation number.

- b. A valid Kentucky hunting license and deer permit, if license required.
 - c. A hunter education card or temporary hunter education exemption permit if required.
3. If a quota hunter has already taken two deer with the statewide deer permit, he or she must have a valid additional deer permit in possession while hunting.
 4. Persons checking in for a mobility-impaired hunt must present a department-issued WMA mobility-impaired access permit, obtained prior to the hunt.
 5. Landowner license exemptions do not apply when on a quota hunt.
 6. Hunters who fail to check out, when required, or who violate other hunt requirements will be blocked from applying for any quota hunt next year, and will lose any accumulated preference points.

Follow the rules!

Hunters who do not comply with quota hunt requirements are ineligible to apply for any quota hunt the following year (**including deer, pheasant, quail, upland bird and waterfowl**), and will lose any accumulated preference points.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR QUOTA DEER HUNTS

Unless otherwise stated below, hunters may take up to two (2) deer (only one of which may be antlered), during a quota hunt.

Drawn quota deer hunters should

read this entire page to check restrictions on their quota hunt.

ANTLER SPREAD RESTRICTION

- Hunters participating in the Ballard,

Beaver Creek, Green River Lake and Dennis-Gray, Green River Lake Mobility-Impaired, Green River Lake State Park, Paintsville Lake, Paul Van Booven, Pennyrite-Tradewater and West Ken-

tucky quota hunts, and the West Kentucky open gun hunt, CAN NOT TAKE an antlered deer with an outside antler spread of less than 15 inches.

BAG LIMIT

- The limit for hunts on Beaver Creek, Fishtrap Lake, Mill Creek and Paul Van Booven WMAs is **one deer (which may be either sex)** per hunter.
- **On WMAs in Zone 1 counties, hunters may harvest more than one deer per day during quota hunts. Hunters may take an unlimited number of antlerless deer, provided they have purchased Additional Deer Permits** on Ballard WMA, Dr. James R. Rich WMA, John A. Kleber WMA, Pennyryle State Forest, Taylorsville Lake WMA, Tradewater WMA, **Veterans Memorial WMA** and West Kentucky WMA. **Additionally, hunters participating in the Lake Barkley State Resort Park quota deer hunt (in Zone 1 Trigg County), may harvest more than one deer per day, and may take an unlimited number of antlerless deer, provided they have purchased Additional Deer Permits.** On all other WMA quota hunts, hunters may take two (2) deer, only one of which may be antlered.

MOBILITY-IMPAIRED HUNTS

- The Green River Lake, Taylorsville Lake WMA and Zilpo-Twin Knobs Campgrounds Mobility - Impaired quota hunts are limited to persons who are mobility-impaired and meet the eligibility requirements as previously outlined. (Mobility-impaired access permit required at check-in.) Drawn hunters may be accompanied by another person, but that person will NOT be permitted to hunt.
- **Hunters participating in the Taylorsville Lake WMA mobility-impaired quota hunts may take an unlimited number of antlerless deer, provided they have purchased permits.**
- Zilpo-Twin Knobs Campground: Hunters will be assigned randomly to one campground or the other. Hunters can check their assignment by going online to fw.ky.gov after October 5, or by calling Kentucky Fish and Wildlife at 1-800-858-1549 after October 8. (Hunters must provide their confirmation number or Social Security number to check their assignment.)



15" ANTLER SPREAD

Please read the deer regulations carefully. A 15-inch antler spread restriction is in effect for some quota deer hunts. When judging antler size in the field, a good indication of a 15-inch spread is when the antlers extend beyond the ears.

Assignments are final. Check-in for the hunt is upon hunter arrival the day of the hunt from 5:30 a.m. until close of the legal hunting time. All hunters will be escorted to designated stand locations from which they will be required to hunt unless otherwise informed by hunt management personnel. Hunter stand locations will be assigned by random drawing at check-in. Vehicular access to the campgrounds for scouting prior to the hunt is not permitted.

NO CHECK IN OR OUT

- Hunters drawn to hunt in the Green River Lake State Park, Marion County WMA & State Forest or Paul Van Booven WMA quota hunts do not have to check in or out, but shall tel-echeck any harvested deer as required by statewide regulations.

YOUTH HUNT

- The designated scouting day for the Grayson Lake WMA open youth hunt is the Friday preceding the hunt.

On this day, vehicles will be permitted within the hunt area between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. for youths (and their accompanying adults) registered for the hunt. Department personnel will be available at the check station 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. to answer questions and provide additional information. Scouting is permitted on other days prior to the hunt, but access is by walk-in or boat only.

AREA RESTRICTIONS

- Paul Van Booven WMA is closed to vehicle access from one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise except to hunters retrieving downed game.
- On West Kentucky WMA, Tracts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 are the only areas quota and open gun hunters are allowed to deer hunt. At check-in prior to each day's hunt, hunters must choose a hunting tract and will not be allowed to hunt outside that tract. Shotguns used with slugs or muzzleloaders are the only firearms that may be used to take deer anywhere on this area.

HUNTING ON STATE PARKS

- To spread hunting pressure over these parks, and to make getting harvested deer out of the woods easier, hunters are encouraged to use boats to access more remote portions of the hunt areas. State park boat ramps will be open for use during quota hunts.
- Areas within these parks that are off limits to hunting (such as lodges, campgrounds, employees' residences, maintenance compounds, ranger stations, water treatment plants, picnic areas and marinas/boat ramps) are marked with signs and/or flagging tape or are indicated on hunt maps. Additionally, there is to be no hunting within 100 yards of a maintained road or building.
- Portable stands and tree climbers may be placed in trees no earlier than 24 hours before the start of the hunt, and must be removed within 24 hours of its conclusion. Tree stands must not be left unattended for more than 24 hours.



Have questions? Scan this symbol with your smartphone for quick access to Kentucky Fish and Wildlife's website!

2012-13 DEER QUOTA HUNT CHOICES

	Hunt Choices	Dates	# of Slots	# of 2011 applicants	Hunt Remarks (Quota Hunts are for either sex deer unless otherwise noted)
1	Ballard	Nov. 3-4	150	1308	Minimum 15" outside antler spread for bucks.
2	Beaver Creek	Nov. 3-4	330	440	Limit 1 during quota hunt. Minimum 15" outside antler spread for bucks.
3	Big Rivers WMA & State Forest	Nov. 10-11	40		
4	Clay	Nov. 3-4	165	1002	Limit 4 during quota hunt. Hunters awarded one preference point for each female deer harvested.
5	Fishtrap Lake	Nov. 17-18	200	281	Limit 1 during quota hunt.
6	Greenbo Lake State Resort Park	Jan. 8-9	90	109	
7	Green River Lake & Dennis-Gray	Nov. 3-4	400	857	Minimum 15" outside antler spread for bucks.
8	Green River Lake Mobility-Impaired*	Nov. 3-4	15	14	Open only to persons who are mobility-impaired. Minimum 15" outside antler spread for bucks.
9	Green River Lake State Park #1	Dec. 13-16	55	122	Archery/Crossbow only. No check in or out. Must telecheck deer taken. Minimum 15" outside antler spread for bucks.
10	Green River Lake State Park #2	Dec. 20-23	55	72	Archery/Crossbow only. No check in or out. Must telecheck deer taken. Minimum 15" outside antler spread for bucks.
11	Kleber & Rich #1	Nov. 3-4	175	575	
12	Kleber & Rich #2	Dec. 1-2	175	265	
13	Lake Barkley State Resort Park	Jan. 8-9	75	205	
14	Marion Co. WMA & State Forest #1	Nov. 10-14	25	54	No check in or out. Must telecheck deer taken.
15	Marion Co. WMA & State Forest #2	Nov. 15-19	25	38	No check in or out. Must telecheck deer taken.
16	Mill Creek	Nov. 3-4	350	371	Limit 1 during quota hunt.
17	Otter Creek Outdoor Recreation Area #1	Nov. 17-18	15	401	User permit required.
18	Otter Creek Outdoor Recreation Area #2	Dec. 8-9	15	95	User permit required.
19	Paintsville Lake	Nov. 3-4	300	431	Minimum 15" outside antler spread for bucks.
20	Paul Van Booven #1	Nov. 10-14	25	69	Limit 1 during quota hunt. No check in or out. Must telecheck deer taken. Minimum 15" outside antler spread for bucks.
21	Paul Van Booven #2	Nov. 15-19	25	45	Limit 1 during quota hunt. No check in or out. Must telecheck deer taken. Minimum 15" outside antler spread for bucks.
22	Pennyrile State Forest/Tradewater WMA	Nov. 3-4	300	773	Minimum 15" outside antler spread for bucks.
23	Taylorsville Lake WMA #1	Nov. 3-4	268	344	Antlerless deer only.
24	Taylorsville Lake WMA Mobility-impaired* #1	Nov. 3-4	7	11	Antlerless deer only. Open only to persons who are mobility-impaired.
25	Taylorsville Lake WMA #2	Dec. 1-2	268	555	
26	Taylorsville Lake WMA Mobility-Impaired* #2	Dec. 1-2	7	15	Open only to persons who are mobility-impaired.
27	Taylorsville Lake WMA #3	Jan. 5-6	268	307	
28	Taylorsville Lake WMA Mobility-Impaired* #3	Jan. 5-6	7	14	Open only to persons who are mobility-impaired.
29	Veterans Memorial	Nov. 3-4	60		
30	West KY	Nov. 17-21	240	310	Shotgun and Muzzleloader only. Minimum 15" outside antler spread for bucks.
31	Zilpo-Twin Knobs Mobility-Impaired*	Dec. 8	24	17	Open only to persons who are mobility-impaired.

*Only hunters who are mobility-impaired as described on page 34 can apply and be drawn for this hunt.

Antlered deer taken during quota hunts count against the statewide limit of one antlered deer per hunter, per season.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW TO CALL & APPLY for Deer & Pheasant Quota Hunts

There are no mail-in applications. Hunters have the option of applying online or by telephone. Applications are taken 24 hours a day, from Sept. 1-30 only. Use the following worksheets to make sure you have all the information needed when you go online or call. Here's a checklist:

1. Have the Social Security number for each hunter in your party. Up to five may apply as a group.
2. Choose the hunt(s) you wish to

apply for (see the Deer Quota Hunt Choices chart and Pheasant Quota Hunts section for details).

3. Have one of the following payment methods ready before you call: Visa, Mastercard, Discover, debit card or e-check. Only one e-check will be accepted for group applications.
4. Visit the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife website at fw.ky.gov or call toll-free 1-877-598-2401 from any touch-tone telephone.
5. Provide the information requested.

At the end of the transaction you will be given a confirmation number. Write this number down. You will need it after Oct. 5, when you can visit fw.ky.gov to find out if you were drawn for your quota hunt. Applicants may also call Kentucky Fish and Wildlife weekdays 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Eastern time) at 1-800-858-1549 after Oct. 8 and provide either their confirmation number or Social Security number to find out if they were drawn.

QUOTA HUNT APPLICATION WORKSHEET

DEER QUOTA HUNTS

1. Social Security numbers for my group: _____

2. Select up to two hunts (\$3 total per hunter) from the Deer Quota Hunt Choices chart:

1st Hunt # _____ 2nd Hunt # _____

3. My payment method: _____

Confirmation number: _____



PHEASANT QUOTA HUNTS

1. Social Security numbers for my group: _____

2. Select a first, second and third choice (\$3 total per hunter), or you may apply for any available date from the hunts below.

Green River #1 (Nov. 16) _____ Clay #1 (Dec. 7) _____ Yellowbank #1 (Dec. 14) _____

Green River #2 (Nov. 17) _____ Clay #2 (Dec. 8) _____ Yellowbank #2 (Dec. 15) _____

Green River #3 (Nov. 18) _____ Clay #3 (Dec. 9) _____ Yellowbank #3 (Dec. 16) _____

3. My payment method: _____

Confirmation number: _____



TO APPLY, VISIT fw.ky.gov OR CALL 1-877-598-2401. DO NOT MAIL THIS WORKSHEET!

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW TO CALL & APPLY for Quail, Upland Bird and Waterfowl Quota Hunts

The process of applying for wild quail, upland bird (grouse and quail) and waterfowl quota hunts is the same as for deer and pheasant quota hunts, with the following exceptions:

1. Up to three hunters may apply as a group for quail and upland bird quota hunts. No group applications are accepted for waterfowl quota hunts.
2. Hunters who wish to apply for both

Peabody and Clay, or both Ballard and Sloughs quota hunts will be charged \$3 for each area. (\$6 total to apply for both areas)

QUOTA HUNT APPLICATION WORKSHEET

WILD QUAIL AND UPLAND BIRD QUOTA HUNTS

1. Social Security numbers for my group (up to 3 hunters):

2. Select a first, second and third choice on each area (\$3 total per hunter, per area), or you may apply for any available date from the hunts below. Hunters may apply for one or both areas:

Peabody quail #1 (Nov. 24; Mentor) _____ Clay upland bird #1 (Nov. 7) _____

Peabody quail #2 (Nov. 27) _____ Clay upland bird #2 (Nov. 18) _____

Peabody quail #3 (Dec. 18) _____ Clay upland bird #3 (Dec. 9) _____

Peabody quail #4 (Jan. 5) _____ Clay upland bird #4 (Dec. 18) _____

Peabody quail #5 (Jan. 12) _____

Peabody quail #6 (Jan. 22) _____

3. My payment method: _____

Confirmation number: _____



WATERFOWL QUOTA HUNTS (Hunt dates posted September 1 at fw.ky.gov)

1. My Social Security number (NO GROUP applications accepted): _____

2. Select a first and second hunt choice (\$3 total for each area), or you may apply for any available date, from the hunt dates posted at fw.ky.gov. Hunters may apply for one or both areas:

(for Ballard, pick any two sets of dates)

(for Sloughs, pick first and second choice)

Ballard 1st choice _____
Date 1 _____ Date 2 _____

Sloughs 1st choice _____

Ballard 2nd choice _____
Date 1 _____ Date 2 _____

Sloughs 2nd choice _____

3. My payment method: _____

Confirmation number: _____



TO APPLY, VISIT fw.ky.gov OR CALL 1-877-598-2401. DO NOT MAIL THIS WORKSHEET!

OTHER QUOTA HUNTS

PHEASANT

An individual may only apply for one pheasant quota hunt, and hunters may not be drawn for more than one hunt day. Up to five people may apply as a group for a single hunt. Applicants will be given a first, second and third choice of hunt dates, or may apply for any available date. Hunters under 16 years old who apply for a pheasant hunt must do so as part of a party that includes at least one adult.

Quota pheasant hunts are offered at: **Yellowbank WMA (100 hunters per hunt) on Dec. 14, 15, and 16, 2012;** Green River Lake WMA (100 hunters per hunt) on Nov. 16, 17 and 18, 2012, and Clay WMA (70 hunters per hunt) on Dec. 7, 8, and 9, 2012.

Advance application by phone is required.

Each day's quota hunt will begin at 9 a.m. and conclude at 4 p.m. local time. Equipment legal for hunting other small game species is permitted during these hunts. Dogs are permitted. The daily bag (hunt) limit is two birds of either sex per hunter.

Rabbit, quail and squirrel hunting is closed on Green River Lake WMA Nov. 16-19, 2012, and **Yellowbank WMA Dec. 14-17, 2012.** Rabbit, quail, squirrel and grouse hunting is closed on Clay WMA Dec. 7-10, 2012. Only hunters with a pheasant quota hunt permit may take pheasants during the quota hunt, or on the day following the last quota hunt day.

REQUIREMENTS FOR DRAWN QUOTA PHEASANT HUNTERS

All quota pheasant hunters must carry while hunting:

1. **A pheasant quota hunt permit, which may be purchased online with a credit**

Pheasant quota hunt fees

Hunters drawn for a quota pheasant hunt can pay the \$25 fee online at fw.ky.gov, or at any license vendor, up to the day of the hunt.

Drawn to hunt?

After October 5, go online to fw.ky.gov to find out if you were drawn for your quota hunt.

Applicants may also call Kentucky Fish and Wildlife weekdays 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eastern at 1-800-858-1549 after October 8 and provide either their confirmation number or Social Security number to find out if they were drawn.

or debit card at fw.ky.gov, or from any license vendor. Pheasant quota hunt permits are \$25, and may be purchased anytime before the hunt.

2. Proof of a Kentucky hunting license
3. Form of identification
4. A hunter education card or temporary hunter education exemption permit if required under the Kentucky hunter education law.

BONUS HUNT DAYS

The day following the final pheasant quota hunt on each WMA is reserved as a free, bonus hunt day for drawn pheasant quota hunt permit holders. Therefore: **only hunters who possess a permit for a Yellowbank WMA quota pheasant hunt may hunt pheasants on Yellowbank WMA on Monday, Dec. 17, 2012;** only hunters who possess a permit for a Green River Lake WMA quota pheasant hunt may hunt pheasants on Green River Lake WMA on Monday, Nov. 19, 2012, and only hunters who possess a permit for a Clay WMA quota pheasant hunt may hunt pheasants on Clay WMA on Monday, Dec. 10, 2012.

No additional fee will be charged for the bonus hunt day, but quota hunters must carry their pheasant hunt permit, hunting license and wear hunter orange clothing as required during their previous hunt. The daily bag limit for bonus hunt days is three birds per hunter.

See the **Yellowbank WMA**, Green River Lake WMA and Clay WMA listings in the Public Land Hunting section for season dates and limits for the open pheasant season following the bonus hunt day.

WILD QUAIL

Quota hunts for wild quail are offered on the Ken and Sinclair units of Peabody WMA.

There are six (6) 1-day hunts. One quota hunt is reserved as a Mentor quota hunt. Each party must consist of at least one hunter 15 years or younger and one adult. Hunt parties are limited to a maximum of three (3) participants each. Hunt parties may apply for up to three quail quota hunts, but will be drawn for only one hunt.

The dates of the quota hunts for wild quail are Nov. 24 (mentor), Nov. 27, Dec. 18, Jan. 5, Jan. 12 and Jan. 22.

A stand-by drawing is held each hunt day at 9 a.m. local time to fill spots left by drawn hunters who do not show up to hunt. Call the Peabody WMA office at **(270) 476-1889** for more information.

The total bag limit for each hunt is four (4) quail per hunter. Each day's quota hunt will begin at one-half hour before sunrise and conclude at 2 p.m. local time. Each hunting party will only have access to a designated portion of one of the units, and will receive a map of the area after they are drawn. Hunters will also receive a hunting log (survey) and must return the completed log to the department within seven (7) days after their hunt. Drawn hunters must submit a log even if they do not hunt. Failure to comply will result in disqualification from the following year's quota hunt drawings for all species except elk, and the loss of preference points.

Each hunter who applies correctly, but isn't selected, will receive a preference point that increases the odds of being drawn next year (assuming the hunter applies the following year). Unselected hunters who do not apply the following year will lose all previously credited preference points. Applicants are selected based on individual preference points. For those who apply as a group, if any one of the group's Social Security numbers is drawn, the others in the group are automatically drawn, too.

UPLAND BIRDS

Upland bird quota hunts (for wild grouse, wild quail and woodcock) are offered on Clay WMA. There are four (4) 1-day quota hunts offered. Hunt parties are limited to a maximum of three (3) participants each.

Hunt parties may apply for up to three upland bird quota hunts, but will be drawn for only one hunt.

Upland bird quota hunt dates are Nov. 7, Nov. 18, Dec. 9 and Dec. 18.

Bag limits for each hunt are four (4) grouse and four (4) quail per hunter. Hunters may also harvest woodcock according to statewide regulations established in 301 KAR 2:225 and explained in the Kentucky Hunting Guide for dove and early migratory bird seasons.

Each day's quota hunt will begin at one-half hour before sunrise and conclude at 2 p.m. local time.

Each hunting party will only have access to a designated portion of the WMA. Hunters will also receive a hunting log (survey) and must return the completed log to the department within

seven (7) days after their hunt. Drawn hunters must submit a log even if they do not hunt. Failure to comply will result in disqualification from the following year's quota hunt drawings for all species except elk.

Preference points are awarded for unselected Clay WMA upland bird quota hunt applicants.

WATERFOWL

Hunters may apply online or over the telephone for waterfowl quota hunts on Ballard and Sloughs WMAs.

The Kentucky Fish and Wildlife website is fw.ky.gov or call toll-free 1-877-598-2401 from any touch-tone telephone.

Applications are taken 24 hours a day, from Sept. 1-30 only. The non-refundable application fee is \$3 per hunter.

A hunter can specify a first and second choice of hunt date on each area, but will be drawn for a maximum of one hunt per area. No group applications are accepted. Permits are not transferable. The person successfully drawn for a quota hunt must be present to hunt. The successful applicant may take up to three guests. The names of guests are not required when applying.

Waterfowl quota hunt dates and other instructions will be posted Sept. 1 on the department website at fw.ky.gov, and will be available from the department's Information Center at 1-800-

858-1549 weekdays 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. EDT.

MOURNING DOVE MENTOR HUNTS

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) governs migratory bird and waterfowl hunting. Season dates for these species are finalized in August, which is too late to be included in this guide.

However, the first portion of the Kentucky dove season usually opens September 1 each year and runs through late October.

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife offers youth hunters and an accompanying adult the opportunity to participate in Mentor Dove Hunts on a limited number of public fields. Call the department's Information Center (1-800-858-1549) weekdays 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. EDT beginning August 13 to sign up, and reserve a spot for these hunts. Reservations will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis until the designated spaces are filled. Other than statewide licensing requirements, no additional hunt permits are required.

Locations of mentor hunts will be published in the 2012 Kentucky Hunting Guide for dove and early migratory bird seasons, available from the department's website and Information Center in early August.

Q: Which quota hunts use a preference point system?

A: Deer, small game and waterfowl quota hunts use preference points.



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Veterans Memorial WMA / Obie Williams photo

GENERAL USER GUIDELINES FOR WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife owns, leases or manages more than 80 wildlife management areas (WMAs) for public use. On some areas, users must purchase a user permit. Please refer to specific area listings for that information. The rest are open to hunting free of additional charge.

Many public-use areas have special laws in effect, and hunting season dates that are different from statewide seasons. That information is listed individually under the name of each area, beginning on page 44.

The information here applies to users of all wildlife management areas owned or managed by the department. If you intend to hunt (or otherwise visit) public lands listed under "Wildlife Management Areas," you must comply with the following guidelines.

1. For game listed in this guide, **hunting seasons on the WMAs listed in this section are open only as stated.**
2. County zone deer bag limits apply to all WMAs unless otherwise noted under the area listing. Hunters are limited to one deer per day on WMAs, except during quota hunts that allow more deer to be taken, and on Zone 1 WMAs. See page 44.
3. Quota deer hunters may take up to two (2) deer on a quota hunt, only one of which may be antlered, unless otherwise

WMA zone status

If a WMA is in more than one deer management zone, the bag limit on the entire WMA will be determined by the regulations for the most liberal deer management zone (lowest zone number).

erwise noted under the area listing.

4. Squirrel, rabbit, quail, grouse and furbearer hunting is **closed** Nov. 10-11, 2012 on WMAs, if gun deer hunting is permitted.
5. Unless otherwise noted, persons shall not allow unleashed dogs from March 1 through the opening of fall squirrel season, except during department-authorized field trials, the June squirrel season, or when training a retriever or other water dog if the activity is authorized by a sign at the body of water. The dog must remain leashed except while training, or within 100 feet of the water, or as stated under the area listing or posted on the WMA.
6. **During a WMA deer quota hunt, and the open firearm deer hunts at Grayson Lake and West Ky WMAs, only persons participating in those hunts are allowed to be on those WMAs,** except waterfowl hunters in some areas that may be open, or if a

Q: Can deer or small game be hunted on a WMA during a quota elk hunt?

A: Yes. WMAs open to quota elk hunts are not closed to other hunters during those hunts, except for Paul Van Booven WMA during the September youth elk hunt.

part of the WMA is otherwise open as noted in the following area listings. (Persons assisting mobility-impaired hunters are permitted access during a quota hunt.)

7. Quota pheasant, deer, quail, upland bird, waterfowl and elk hunts require advance application. (Refer to Quota Hunt and Elk sections.) Advance application is not required for other listed hunts.
8. **Camping is permitted only in designated areas.** Check WMA maps at fw.ky.gov or call the WMA office for camping availability through Kentucky Fish and Wildlife or other campgrounds. Parking must be confined to designated parking areas if such areas exist. If no parking area is designated, parking is generally permitted alongside maintained roads in such a manner that does not block

- traffic. Unless otherwise authorized, vehicles of any kind (including motorcycles and bicycles) are permitted **only** on maintained roads. Vehicles used on public roads must be street-legal. It is unlawful to cut trees or fences, dump trash or litter, or damage any property or habitat in any fashion.
9. Trapping requires permission. Obtain permission from Kentucky Fish and Wildlife by calling the WMA office.
 10. Hunters shall not enter or hunt in areas that have been designated closed by signs.
 11. A person shall not discharge a firearm within 100 yards of a residence or occupied building located on or off the area.
 12. A person shall not distribute or place bait, hunt over bait or otherwise participate in baiting wildlife on a wildlife management area.
 13. A group of ten (10) or more people who gather for any event or organized activity on a WMA shall obtain a free permit from Kentucky Fish and Wildlife at least thirty (30) days prior to the event. Groups shall apply on a form provided by the department. The department shall retain the authority to deny permits, or otherwise restrict, institute additional requirements for, or direct the rescheduling of, any event to avoid user conflicts or for other plausible reasons. Permit requests for events that do not meet WMA user guidelines shall be denied, and events may be canceled in progress if participants fail to comply with user guidelines or create hazards or disruption for others.
 14. **Horseback riding is permitted on some WMAs during certain times of the year and under certain restrictions.** Unless hunting, horses shall only be ridden on designated horse riding trails or a maintained public road open to vehicular traffic. **Horses may not be ridden on WMAs during firearm seasons for turkey, deer or elk, unless participating or assisting in a legal elk hunt.** (Hunter orange required during firearm elk seasons.)
 15. Public shooting ranges are available on Curtis Gates Lloyd, Higginson-Henry, John A. Kleber, Miller Welch-Central Kentucky, Peabody and Taylorsville Lake WMAs. On these areas, target shooting is restricted to the range. These are

Your National Forests

The USDA Forest Service manages over 814,000 acres in Kentucky for public use and enjoyment.

Five WMAs on the Daniel Boone National Forest (DBNF) are cooperatively managed with KDFWR. Information about camping, hiking, parking, horseback riding, bicycle use, ATV use and other travel restrictions can be found at the DBNF, Land Between the Lakes, and Jefferson National Forest websites. Visit www.fs.fed.us. Click on "Find a Forest by State or Name."

tube-style ranges suitable for shooting single projectile ammunition only. All shooting must be through the tubes. Ranges can be reserved for special events by contacting the WMA manager 30 days in advance of the event. The ranges are self-serve and all users must comply with the rules posted by sign. Shooting ranges are closed during deer quota hunts at applicable WMAs.

MOBILITY-IMPAIRED HUNTER ACCESS TO WMAS

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife offers special exceptions to usual hunting and fishing regulations for persons who are mobility-impaired and want to hunt and fish on select WMAs. Persons who are mobility-impaired must request a Mobility-Impaired Access Permit from the department.

The criteria for eligibility for a Mobility-Impaired Access Permit are the same criteria used to determine eligibility for mobility-impaired quota hunts. See pg. 34 for those criteria.

Persons interested in applying for a permit should contact the department for an application or print one at fw.ky.gov. For hunters who request the permit and meet the qualifications, access by vehicle to portions of some WMAs may be granted.

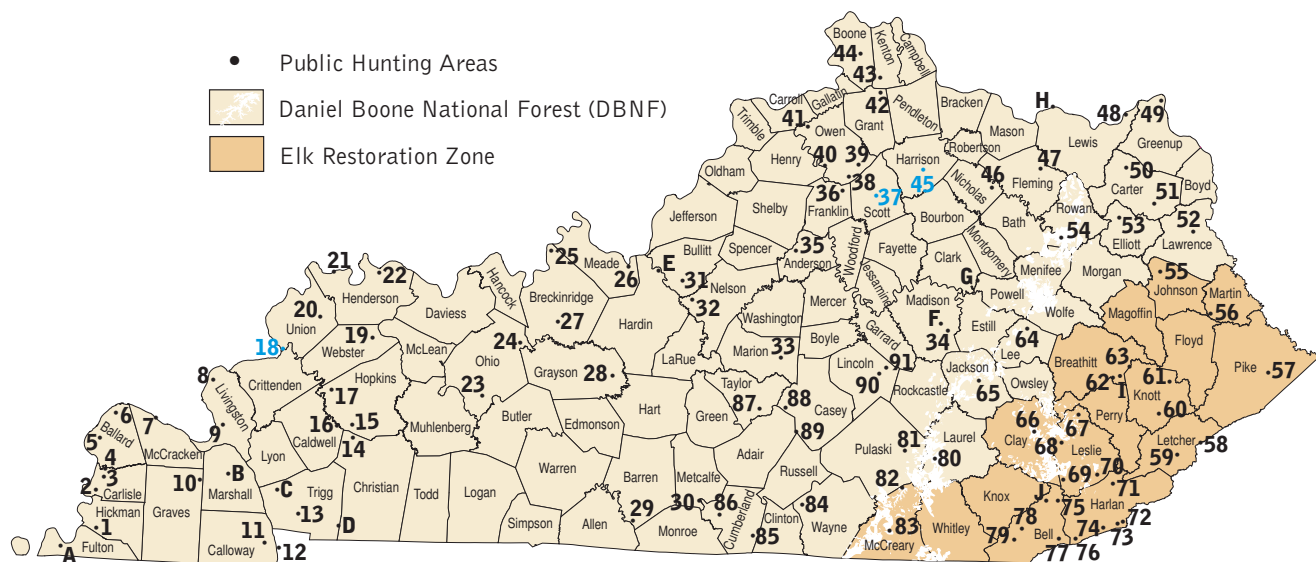
Mobility-impaired access areas have been designated on portions of 15 WMAs: Barren River, Fishtrap Lake, Green River, Kaler Bottoms, Kentucky River, Lake Cumberland, Mill Creek, Miller Welch-Central Kentucky, Mullins, Peabody (Sinclair Unit), Redbird, Taylorsville Lake, West Kentucky, Yates-

ville Lake and Yellowbank WMAs.

1. The Mobility-Impaired Access Permit allows the following activities by a mobility-impaired individual:
 - a. Discharge of a firearm or other legal hunting device from a motor vehicle when the vehicle is motionless and has its engine turned off. The motor vehicle shall be used as a place to wait or watch for game and shall not be used to chase, pursue, or drive game.
 - b. May operate electric wheelchairs, ATVs, and other passenger vehicles on or off gated, ungated or open-gated roads otherwise closed to vehicular traffic, but only on designated tracts of designated WMAs.
 2. The roads may be accessed March 1 through the third Friday in August.
 3. Tracts designated as mobility-impaired access areas shall be posted with signs.
 4. Vehicular access shall not be permitted on fields, openings, roads, paths, or trails planted with annual grains or agricultural crops.
 5. It shall be permissible to access areas which are not roads the third Saturday of August until the end of February.
 6. ATV users shall adhere to manufacturer recommendations including wearing a helmet, wearing safety glasses, and restricting riding to one (1) person, while using ATVs on WMAs.
- A person with a Mobility-Impaired Access Permit may designate one (1) qualified assistant. The assistant may:
1. Track and dispatch a wounded animal;
 2. Retrieve an animal; or
 3. Render other assistance in accordance with all other Kentucky Fish and Wildlife and WMA user laws.
- A qualified assistant **shall not**:
1. Operate his or her own ATV; or
 2. Hunt or shoot from an ATV.
- Applicants for a Mobility-Impaired Access Permit shall:

1. Fill out the required information on the Mobility-Impaired Access Permit application; and
2. Obtain the attestation and signature from a licensed physician describing the mobility impairment.

In order to participate in activities noted above, a mobility-impaired individual shall have a completed Mobility-Impaired Access Permit application on his or her person at all times while participating in such activities, along with the appropriate licenses and permits.



PUBLIC HUNTING AREAS IN KENTUCKY

1. Obion Creek Wildlife Management Area (WMA)
2. Doug Travis WMA
3. Coil Estate WMA
4. Winford WMA
5. Boatwright WMA
6. Ballard WMA
7. West Kentucky WMA
8. Ohio River Islands WMA
9. Livingston County WMA and State Natural Area
10. Kaler Bottoms WMA
11. Kentucky Lake WMA
12. Beechy Creek WMA
13. Lake Barkley WMA
14. Pennyrile State Forest
15. Tradewater WMA
16. Jones-Keeney WMA
17. Clear Creek WMA
- 18. Big Rivers WMA & State Forest**
19. Lee K. Nelson WMA
20. Higginson-Henry WMA
21. Sloughs WMA
22. Green River State Forest
23. Peabody WMA
24. L. B. Davison WMA
25. Yellowbank WMA
26. Otter Creek Outdoor Recreation Area
27. Rough River Lake WMA
28. Nolin River Lake WMA
29. Barren River Lake WMA
30. Marrowbone State Forest and WMA
31. Knobs State Forest and WMA
32. John C. Williams WMA
33. Marion Co. WMA and State Forest
34. Miller Welch-Central Kentucky WMA
35. Taylorsville Lake WMA
36. T. N. Sullivan WMA
- 37. Veterans Memorial WMA**
38. John A. Kleber WMA
39. Dr. James R. Rich WMA
40. Kentucky River WMA
41. Twin Eagle WMA
42. Curtis Gates Lloyd WMA
43. Mullins WMA
44. Dr. Norman and Martha Adair WMA
- 45. Griffith Woods WMA**
46. Clay WMA
47. Fleming WMA
48. Lewis County WMA
49. South Shore WMA
50. Tygarts State Forest
51. Grayson Lake WMA
52. Yatesville Lake WMA
53. Ed Mabry-Laurel Gorge WMA
54. Pioneer Weapons WMA (DBNF)
55. Paintsville Lake WMA
56. Dewey Lake WMA
57. Fishtrap Lake WMA
58. Jefferson National Forest
59. Hensley-Pine Mountain WMA
60. Carr Creek Lake WMA
61. CONSOL of Kentucky WMA
62. Paul Van Booven WMA
63. Robinson Forest WMA
64. Ashland WMA
65. Mill Creek WMA (DBNF)
66. Burchell-Beech Creek WMA
67. Buckhorn Lake WMA
68. Redbird WMA (DBNF)
69. Elk Forest WMA
70. Corrigan WMA
71. Kentenia State Forest
72. Stone Mountain WMA and State Natural Area
73. Cranks Creek WMA
74. Martins Fork Lake WMA
75. Boone Forestlands WMA
76. Martins Fork WMA and State Natural Area
77. Shillalah Creek WMA
78. Kentucky Ridge Forest WMA
79. Kentucky Ridge State Forest
80. Cane Creek WMA (DBNF)
81. Buck Creek WMA
82. Beaver Creek WMA (DBNF)
83. Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area
84. Lake Cumberland WMA
85. Dale Hollow Lake WMA
86. Mud Camp Creek WMA
87. Green River Lake WMA
88. Dennis-Gray WMA
89. R. F. Tarter WMA
90. Cedar Creek Lake WMA
91. Dix River WMA

OTHER HUNTING AREAS

On the following areas (except Hidden Valley) you **must** contact the controlling agency for season dates, regulations and hunter requirements. Contact information is listed on pages 53-54.

- A. Reelfoot National Wildlife Refuge (NWR)
- B. Clarks River NWR
- C. Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area (USDA Forest Service)
- D. Fort Campbell Military Reservation
- E. Fort Knox Military Reservation
- F. Blue Grass Army Depot
- G. Hidden Valley Training Area
- H. Ohio River Islands NWR
- I. ICG Hunting Access Area
- J. Asher Hunting Access Area

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS

SYMBOL KEY

WMA OFFICE HOURS ARE 8 AM - 4:30 PM MON. - FRI.



Hunting



Fishing

Hiking
TrailWildlife
ViewingInterpretive
SiteBoat
LaunchHorseback
Trails

Accessible



Picnic Site

Shooting
RangeMountain
Bike Trails**WMAs OPEN UNDER
STATEWIDE REGULATIONS
FOR DEER****Entire WMAs open for Modern**

Gun: Ashland, Beechy Creek, Boone Forestlands (formerly Begley), Buck Creek, Buckhorn Lake, Burchell-Beech Creek, Cane Creek, Carr Creek Lake, Clear Creek, CONSOL of Kentucky, Corrigan, Cranks Creek, Dale Hollow Lake, Doug Travis, Ed Mabry-Laurel Gorge, Elk Forest (formerly Graham), Fleming, Hensley-Pine Mountain, Jones-Keeney, Kaler Bottoms, Kentucky Lake, Kentucky Ridge Forest, L.B. Davison, Lee K. Nelson, Marrowbone State Forest & WMA, Martins Fork Lake, Martins Fork WMA & SNA, Nolin River Lake, Obion Creek, Peabody (first 10 days only), Redbird, Rough River Lake, Shillalah Creek, Stone Mountain WMA & SNA, Winford, and Yatesville Lake (antlered-only during Modern Gun season).

Portions of WMAs open for

Modern Gun: Ballard, Barren River Lake, Boatwright, Coil Estate, Lake Barkley, Lake Cumberland, Ohio River Islands, Robinson Forest, and Sloughs

Archery/Crossbow only: Cedar Creek Lake, Curtis Gates Lloyd, Dr. Norman and Martha Adair, John C. Williams, Knobs State Forest & WMA, Miller Welch-Central Kentucky (no crossbows), Mullins, T.N. Sullivan, and Twin Eagle.

HUNTERS TAKE NOTE

Season dates on WMAs may differ from statewide regulations. Read carefully.

If a WMA is open during modern gun season for deer, it is closed to small game and furbearer hunting Nov. 10-11, 2012.

During firearms quota elk hunts on WMAs, ALL hunters must wear hunter orange clothing.

If furbearer hunting is listed as open, so is furbearer trapping, with statewide regulations in effect for both. Trappers must get permission to trap by calling the WMA office.

For waterfowl hunting regulations on WMAs consult the Kentucky Hunting Guide for Waterfowl.

On WMAs in Zone 1 counties, hunters may harvest more than one deer per day, and may take an unlimited number of antlerless deer (provided they have purchased Additional Deer Permits) during open hunts, quota gun hunts or mobility-impaired hunts.

The WMAs in Zone 1 counties include: Ballard WMA, Beechy Creek WMA, Boatwright WMA, Coil Estate WMA, Curtis Gates Lloyd WMA, Doug Travis WMA, Dr. James R. Rich WMA, Dr. Norman and Martha Adair WMA, **Griffith Woods WMA**, John A. Kleber WMA, Jones Keeney WMA, Kaler Bottoms WMA, Kentucky Lake WMA, Kentucky River WMA, Lake Barkley WMA, Livingston County WMA & State Natural Area, Mullins WMA, Obion Creek WMA, Ohio River Islands WMA, Pennyryle State Forest, T.N. Sullivan, Taylorsville Lake WMA, Tradewater WMA, Twin Eagle WMA, West Kentucky WMA, Winford WMA, and **Veterans Memorial WMA**.

**FALL HUNTING
SEASONS****ASHLAND WMA**

2,506 acres
Lee County, (606) 878-9595



Open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons.

BALLARD WMA

8,015 acres
Ballard County, (270) 224-2244



The 400-acre tract located south of Sallie Crice/Terrell Landing Road is open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons.*

Exceptions

The Main Unit is closed to unauthorized public access annually Oct. 15 - March 15. The area west of Hwy. 473 within the two-mile driving loop is closed to all hunting as marked by signs. Hunting seasons on the Main Unit are as follows:

Squirrel: Aug. 18 - Oct. 14.

Rabbit & Quail: Closed.

Deer*: Open under statewide regulations for Archery/Crossbow Seasons through Oct. 14 only, and the October Youth Firearm Season. Quota Hunt, either sex, Nov. 3-4.

Portions of the area are closed, as marked by signs, during Quota Hunt.

Turkey -- Fall Archery: Closed.

Turkey -- Fall Gun: Closed.

*A hunter shall not take an antlered deer with an outside antler spread of

less than 15" at any time, on any part of this WMA.

BARREN RIVER LAKE WMA

8,790 acres

Allen & Barren cos. (270) 646-5167



Open under statewide regulations for all squirrel, furbearer, deer and fall turkey seasons.

Exceptions

Rabbit & Quail: Nov. 1 - Dec. 31.

On the Peninsula Unit, including Narrows, Goose and Grass islands, hunters shall not use a modern firearm to take game. Crossbows legal for entire fall archery turkey season.

BEAVER CREEK WMA (DBNF)

17,753 acres

McCreary & Pulaski cos.

(606) 376-8083



Open under statewide regulations for all squirrel, furbearer and fall turkey seasons, except these seasons are closed during deer Quota Hunt.

Other Exceptions

Rabbit & Quail: Nov. 1 - Dec. 31, except closed during deer Quota Hunt.

Grouse: Oct. 1 - Dec. 31, except closed during deer Quota Hunt.

Deer*: Quota Hunt, either sex, limit one, Nov. 3-4.

Open under statewide regulations for Archery/Crossbow Seasons, except closed during deer Quota Hunt.

Elk: Portions in McCreary Co. are open to EHU 6a quota elk hunts, except closed during deer Quota Hunt.

*A hunter shall not take an antlered deer with an outside antler spread of less than 15" at any time.

BEECHY CREEK WMA

119 acres

Calloway County, (270) 753-6913



Open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons.

BIG RIVERS WMA & STATE FOREST

2,488 acres

Union County
(270) 389-3580



Open under statewide regulations for all squirrel, rabbit, quail, furbearer and fall turkey seasons, except these seasons are closed during deer Quota Hunt.

Other Exceptions

Deer: Quota Hunt, either sex, Nov. 10-11.

Open under statewide regulations for Youth Firearm Seasons. Open under statewide regulations for Archery/Crossbow Seasons, except closed during deer Quota Hunt.

BOATWRIGHT WMA

8,398 acres

Ballard County, (270) 224-2244



Swan Lake Unit:

Squirrel: Aug. 18 - Oct. 14.

Rabbit, Quail & Furbearers: Closed.

Deer: Open under statewide regulations for Archery/Crossbow Seasons through Oct. 14 only, and the October Youth Firearm Season.

Turkey -- Fall Archery: Closed.

Turkey -- Fall Gun: Closed.

Unit closed to all public access

Oct. 15 - March 15.

Olmsted, Peal and all other units:

Open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons, except some portions may be closed to public access as marked by signs.

BOONE FORESTLANDS WMA

30,038 acres

Bell, Harlan & Leslie cos.

(606) 337-9317



Open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons. Also open to EHU 5 and 6a-e quota elk hunts, and portions in Harlan Co. are open to bear hunting. The Begley ATV park is closed to elk hunting. Please see WMA map online at fw.ky.gov.

BUCK CREEK WMA

850 acres

Pulaski County, (606) 878-9595



Open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons.

BUCKHORN LAKE WMA

3,571 acres

Perry & Leslie cos., (606) 878-9595



Open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons. Also open to EHU 4 and 5 quota elk hunts.

BURCHELL-BEECH CREEK WMA

1,241 acres

Clay County, (606) 878-9595



Open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons. Also open to EHU 4 quota elk hunts.

CANE CREEK WMA (DBNF)

6,691 acres

Laurel County, (606) 376-8083



Open under statewide regulations for all squirrel, furbearer, deer and fall turkey seasons.

Exceptions

Rabbit & Quail: Nov. 1 - Dec. 31.

Grouse: Oct. 1 - Dec. 31.

CARR CREEK LAKE WMA

2,880 acres

Knott County, (606) 878-9595



Open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons. Also open to EHU 3a and 5 quota elk hunts.

CEDAR CREEK LAKE WMA

798 acres

Lincoln County, (270) 465-5039



Open under statewide regulations for all squirrel and fall turkey seasons.

Exceptions

Rabbit: Nov. 1 - Dec. 31.

Quail, Grouse & Furbearers: Closed.

Deer: Open under statewide regulations for Archery/Crossbow Seasons.

CLAY WMA MAIN UNIT (Nicholas County) and **OUTLYING TRACTS - Bailey, Booth, Gray, Justice, Sapp** (Bath, Fleming & Nicholas cos.)

(859) 289-8564

6,886 acres



Open under statewide regulations for all squirrel, furbearer, crossbow deer and fall turkey seasons, except these seasons are closed during deer Quota Hunt and Main Unit is closed during quota fox hunts and Dec. 7-10.

Other Exceptions

This WMA (not including the Outlying Tracts) is closed to public use Sept. 6-8 and Sept. 27-29, except for those registered to participate in the quota fox hunting field trials on those days.

Rabbit: Nov. 1 - Dec. 31, except closed during deer Quota Hunt, and Main Unit is closed Dec. 7-10.

Quail & Grouse: Closed except to drawn upland bird quota hunters. See pg. 40 for dates.

Deer: Quota Hunt, either sex, limit four, Nov. 3-4. Open under statewide regulations for Archery and Youth Firearm Seasons, except closed during deer Quota Hunt, and Main Unit is closed during quota fox hunts.

Pheasant: Quota Hunts, either sex, limit two, Dec. 7, 8 and 9.

Open Dec. 10 only to drawn pheasant quota hunters, either sex, limit three. Open Dec. 11-31; daily limit three, either sex.

CLEAR CREEK WMA

859 acres

Hopkins County, (270) 476-1889



Open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons.

COIL ESTATE WMA

795 acres

Carlisle County, (270) 224-2244



Eastern portion open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons. Western portion closed to all hunting and trapping as marked by signs.

CONSOL OF KENTUCKY WMA

4,693 acres

Floyd & Knott cos., (606) 878-9595



Open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons. Also open to EHU 2 and 3a-b quota elk hunts.

CORRIGAN WMA

54,838 acres

Bell, Knox & Leslie cos.

(606) 337-9317



Open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons. Also open to EHU 5 and 6a-d quota elk hunts.

CRANKS CREEK WMA

2,155 acres

Harlan County, (606) 337-9317



Open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons. Also open to EHU 6a quota elk hunts, and bear hunting.

CURTIS GATES LLOYD WMA

1,105 acres

Grant County, (859) 428-2262



Open under statewide regulations for all squirrel, furbearer and fall turkey seasons.

Exceptions

Rabbit & Quail: Nov. 1 - Dec. 31

Deer: Open under statewide regulations, except no firearms permitted for deer hunting.

Unleashed dogs are prohibited from April 1 until the third Saturday in August, except during department-authorized field trials and the spring squirrel season.

DALE HOLLOW LAKE WMA

5,630 acres

Cumberland & Clinton cos.

(270) 465-5039



Open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons, except the area between the lake edge and the Corps/Dale Hollow Lake State Resort Park boundary is closed to all hunting.

DENNIS-GRAY WMA

102 acres

Adair County, (270) 465-5039



(Same as Green River Lake WMA)

DEWEY LAKE WMA

9,242 acres

Floyd County, (606) 424-2508



Open under statewide regulations for all squirrel, rabbit, quail, grouse, furbearer and fall turkey seasons. Also open to EHU 1 quota elk hunts.

Exceptions

Deer*: Open under statewide regulations for Archery/Crossbow and Youth Firearm Seasons.

*A deer hunter shall not take an antlered deer with an outside antler spread of less than 15" at any time.

Firearms are prohibited for deer hunting on the area extending southward from the dam to Shoreline Campground No. 1, including all property from the WMA boundary downslope to the lake edge.

DIX RIVER WMA

401 acres

Lincoln County, (270) 465-5039



Open under statewide regulations for all squirrel, furbearer and fall turkey seasons.

Exceptions

Rabbit & Quail: Nov. 1 - Dec. 31.

Grouse: Oct. 1 - Dec. 31.

Deer: Open under statewide regulations for Archery/Crossbow, Youth Firearm and Muzzleloader seasons.

DOUG TRAVIS WMA

4,132 acres

Carlisle & Hickman cos.

(270) 488-3233



Open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons, except some areas may be closed to public access as marked by signs Nov. 1 - Mar. 15.

DR. JAMES R. RICH WMA

1,704 acres

Owen County, (502) 535-6335



Open under statewide regulations for all squirrel, rabbit, quail, furbearer and

fall turkey seasons, except these seasons are closed during deer Quota Hunts.

Other Exceptions

Deer: Quota Hunts, either sex, Nov. 3-4; Dec. 1-2.

Open under statewide regulations for Youth Firearm Seasons.

Open under statewide regulations for Archery/Crossbow Seasons, except closed during Quota Hunts.

DR. NORMAN AND MARTHA ADAIR WMA

635 acres
Boone County, (859) 428-2262



Open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons, except firearms may not be used to take deer.

ED MABRY-LAUREL GORGE WMA

698 acres
Elliott County, (606) 474-8535



Open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons.

ELK FOREST WMA

16,204 acres
Bell, Clay, Knox & Leslie cos.
(606) 878-9595



Open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons. Also open to EHU 6a-d quota elk hunts.

FISHTRAP LAKE WMA

13,134 acres
Pike County, (606) 424-2086



Open under statewide regulations for all squirrel, rabbit, quail, grouse, furbearer and fall turkey seasons, except these seasons are closed during deer Quota Hunt. Also open to bear hunting and EHU 1 quota elk hunts, except closed during deer Quota Hunt.

Other Exceptions

Deer: Quota Hunt, either sex, limit one, Nov. 17-18.

Open under statewide regulations for Youth Firearm Seasons. Open under statewide regulations for Archery/Crossbow Seasons, except closed during deer Quota Hunt.

FLEMING WMA

1,907 acres
Fleming County, (859) 289-8564



Open under statewide regulations for all squirrel, furbearer, deer and fall turkey seasons.

Exceptions

Rabbit & Quail: Nov. 1 - Dec. 31.

Grouse: Oct. 1 - Dec. 31

GRAYSON LAKE WMA

8,025 acres
Carter & Elliott cos., (606) 474-8535



Open under statewide regulations for all squirrel, rabbit, quail, grouse, furbearer and fall turkey seasons, except these seasons are closed during Open Youth Deer Hunt.

Other Exceptions

Deer: Open Youth Hunt, any deer, Nov. 3-4 (See below for details).

Open under statewide regulations for Archery Season, except closed during the Open Youth Hunt. Crossbows legal during entire archery season, except closed during the Open Youth Hunt. Open under statewide regulations for Youth Firearm Seasons.

Open Youth Hunt Details: This hunt is limited to youth 15 and under, who check in between noon and 8 p.m. Eastern on the day before the hunt (Nov. 2), or between 5:30 a.m. and 8 p.m. on hunt days. The bag limit is two deer, only one of which may be antlered. All hunters must check out when finished hunting, when their bag limit is reached, or by 8 p.m. on the final day of the hunt.

GREEN RIVER LAKE WMA

21,037 acres
Taylor & Adair cos., (270) 465-5039



Open under statewide regulations for all squirrel, furbearer and fall turkey seasons, except these seasons are closed during deer Quota Hunts and Nov. 16-19.

Other Exceptions

Rabbit & Quail: Nov. 1 - Dec. 31, except closed during deer Quota Hunts

and Nov. 16-19.

Grouse: Closed.

Deer*: Quota Hunt, either sex, Nov. 3-4. Mobility-Impaired Quota Hunt, either sex, Nov. 3-4.

Open under statewide regulations for Archery/Crossbow Seasons, except Archery Season closed during deer Quota Hunts.

Pheasant: Quota Hunts, either sex, limit two, Nov. 16, 17 and 18.

Open Nov. 19 only to drawn pheasant quota hunters, either sex, limit three.

Open Nov. 20 - Dec. 31, either sex, daily limit three.

*A deer hunter shall not take an antlered deer with an outside antler spread of less than 15" at any time.

GRIFFITH WOODS WMA

744 acres
Harrison County, (859) 428-2262



Open under statewide regulations for Archery/Crossbow and Youth Firearm Seasons. Open under statewide regulations for small game and fall turkey seasons.

HENSLEY-PINE MOUNTAIN WMA

4,849 acres
Harlan & Letcher cos., (606) 337-9317



Open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons, except closed to bear hunting. Also open to EHU 5 quota elk hunts.

HIGGINSON-HENRY WMA

5,450 acres
Union County, (270) 389-3580



Open under statewide regulations for all squirrel, furbearer and fall archery/crossbow turkey seasons.

Exceptions

Rabbit & Quail: Nov. 15 - Dec. 31

Deer*: Open under statewide regulations for Archery Season and Youth Firearm Seasons, except hunters may harvest only one deer per year.

Turkey -- Fall Gun: Closed

*A deer hunter shall not take an antlered deer with an outside antler spread of less than 15" at any time.

SYMBOL KEY



Hunting



Fishing



Hiking Trail



Wildlife Viewing



Interpretive Site



Boat Launch



Horseback Trails



Accessible



Picnic Site



Shooting Range



Mountain Bike Trails

JOHN A. KLEBER WMA

2,334 acres

Owen & Franklin cos. (502) 535-6335



Open under statewide regulations for all squirrel, furbearer and fall turkey seasons, except these seasons and public shooting range are closed during deer Quota Hunts.

Other Exceptions

Rabbit & Quail: Nov. 1 - Dec. 31, except closed during Quota Hunts.

Deer: Quota Hunts, either sex, Nov. 3-4; Dec. 1-2.

Open under statewide regulations for Archery/Crossbow Seasons, except closed during Quota Hunts.

Open under statewide regulations for Youth Firearm Seasons.

JOHN C. WILLIAMS WMA

688 acres

Nelson County, (502) 477-9024



Open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons, except firearms may not be used to take deer.

JONES-KEENEY WMA

1,999 acres

Caldwell County, (270) 753-6913



Open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons.

KALER BOTTOMS WMA

1,852 acres

Graves County, (270) 753-6913



Open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons.

KENTUCKY LAKE WMA

4,044 acres

Calloway & Marshall cos.

(270) 753-6913



Open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons.

KENTUCKY RIDGE FOREST WMA

3,395 acres

Bell County, (606) 337-9317



Open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons. Also open to EHU 6a quota elk hunts.

KENTUCKY RIVER WMA

2,629 acres

Henry & Owen cos., (502) 535-6335



Open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons, except firearms may not be used to take deer during the muzzleloader and modern gun deer seasons. Open under statewide regulations for Youth Firearm Seasons.

KNOBS STATE FOREST & WMA

1,537 acres

Bullitt County, (502) 477-9024



Open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons, except firearms may not be used to take deer.

L.B. DAVISON WMA

137 acres

Ohio County, (270) 476-1889



Open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons.

LAKE BARKLEY WMA

907 acres

Trigg & Lyon cos.

(270) 753-6913



Open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons, except

North Refuge is closed Nov. 1 - Feb. 15 and Duck Island Refuge is closed Oct. 15 - March 15.

LAKE CUMBERLAND WMA

52,936 acres

Clinton, McCreary, Pulaski, Russell & Wayne cos., (606) 376-8083



Open under statewide regulations for all squirrel, furbearer, deer and fall turkey seasons.

Exceptions

Rabbit & Quail: Nov. 1 - Dec. 31.

Grouse: Oct. 1 - Dec. 31.

Elk: Portions in McCreary Co. are open to EHU 6a quota elk hunts.

The area between the lake edge and the Corps/Lake Cumberland State Resort Park boundary is closed to all hunting. Wesley Bend and Yellowhole portions closed to public access Oct. 15 - March 15.

LEE K. NELSON WMA

60 acres

Webster County, (270) 389-3580



Open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons.

LEWIS COUNTY WMA

1,156 acres

Lewis County, (606) 474-8535



Open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons, except centerfire rifles and handguns may not be used to take deer.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY WMA & STATE NATURAL AREA

1,898 acres

Livingston County, (270) 753-6913



Open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons, except modern firearms may not be used to take deer during the modern gun deer season.

MARION COUNTY WMA & STATE FOREST

1,293 acres

Marion County, (502) 477-9024



Open under statewide regulations for Archery/Crossbow, Youth Firearm and Muzzleloader Seasons, except closed during Quota Hunts.
Deer Quota Hunts Nov. 10-14 and Nov. 15-19, with no check-in or check-out required.

MARROWBONE STATE FOREST & WMA

1,983 acres
Cumberland & Metcalfe cos.
(270) 646-5167



Open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons.

MARTINS FORK LAKE WMA

829 acres
Harlan County, (606) 337-9317



Open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons. Also open to bear hunting and EHU 6a quota elk hunts.

MARTINS FORK WMA & STATE NATURAL AREA

1,599 acres
Harlan County, (606) 337-9317



Open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons. Also open to bear hunting and EHU 6a quota elk hunts.

MILL CREEK WMA (DBNF)

13,009 acres
Jackson County, (606) 878-9595



Open under statewide regulations for all squirrel, grouse, furbearer and fall turkey seasons, except these seasons are closed during deer Quota Hunt.

Other Exceptions

Rabbit & Quail: Nov. 1 - Dec. 31, except closed during Quota Hunt.

Deer: Quota Hunt, either sex, limit one, Nov. 3-4.

Open under statewide regulations for Archery/Crossbow Seasons, except Archery Season closed during Quota Hunt.

MILLER WELCH-CENTRAL KENTUCKY WMA

1,847 acres
Madison County, (859) 986-4130



Open under statewide regulations for all squirrel, furbearer trapping and fall turkey seasons.

Exceptions

Rabbit & Quail: Closed.

Furbearer Hunting: Closed.

Deer: Open Archery Hunt, either sex, Wednesdays only (except closed during scheduled field trials as posted on bulletin board at WMA office), Sept. 1 - Dec. 17.

Open Archery Hunt, either sex, Dec. 18 - Jan. 21.

Unleashed dogs are prohibited April 1 until the third Saturday in August, except during department-authorized field trials and the spring squirrel season. At other times of the year, unleashed dogs are permitted only on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays.

MUD CAMP CREEK WMA

572 acres
Cumberland County, (270) 465-5039



Open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons, except firearms may not be used to take deer during the modern gun deer season.

Best access to WMA is by boat or by permission of private landowners to cross their property to the adjacent WMA.

MULLINS WMA

259 acres
Kenton County, (859) 428-2262



Open under statewide regulations for all squirrel, furbearer and fall turkey seasons.

Exceptions

Rabbit & Quail: Nov. 1 - Dec. 31.

Deer: Open under statewide regulations, except firearms may not be used to take deer.

Unleashed dogs are prohibited April 1 until the third Saturday in August, ex-

cept during department-authorized field trials and the spring squirrel season.

NOLIN RIVER LAKE WMA

6,456 acres
Edmonson, Grayson & Hart cos.
(270) 646-5167



Open under statewide regulations for all squirrel, furbearer, deer and fall turkey seasons.

Exceptions

Rabbit & Quail: Nov. 1 - Dec. 31

Best access to WMA is by boat or by permission of private landowners to cross their property to the adjacent WMA.

OBION CREEK WMA

4,258 acres
Hickman, Carlisle & Fulton cos.
(270) 488-3233



Open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons.

OHIO RIVER ISLANDS WMA

1,264 acres
Livingston County, (270) 753-6913



Stewart Island (also known as **Birds-ville Island**) Unit:

Squirrel: Aug. 18 - Oct. 14.

Rabbit & Quail: Closed.

Deer: Open under statewide regulations for Oct. Muzzleloader Season and Oct. Youth Firearm Season.

Open under statewide regulations for Archery/Crossbow Seasons through Oct. 14.

Turkey -- Fall Archery/Crossbow:

Open under statewide regulations through Oct. 14.

Turkey -- Fall Gun: Closed.

The Stewart Island Unit is closed to public access Oct. 15 - March 15, except during Oct. Muzzleloader Deer Season.

The remainder of this WMA (Pryor, Rondeau, and Twin Sisters Islands) is open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons.

OTTER CREEK OUTDOOR RECREATION AREA

2,221 acres

Meade County, (502) 942-9171



Open under statewide regulations for fall turkey hunting seasons, except closed during deer Quota Hunts. A person shall not enter the area during deer Quota Hunts without a valid Quota Hunt confirmation number. User permit required. See page 7.

*Other Exceptions***Quail:** Closed.**Squirrel*:** Open during statewide season dates, except closed during deer Quota Hunts.**Rabbit*:** Dec. 1-31, closed during deer Quota Hunt.**Trapping*:** Jan. 1 - Feb. 28, 2013. Trappers must obtain prior authorization from area manager, and trap only in designated areas.**Deer:** Quota Hunt, either sex, Nov. 17-18, and Dec. 8-9.

Open under statewide regulations for Archery/Crossbow Seasons, except closed during a deer Quota Hunt.

*Small game or furbearer hunters and trappers must not use rifles, or ball or slug ammunition to take these species, unless participating in a deer Quota Hunt.

PAINTSVILLE LAKE WMA

11,221 acres

Johnson & Morgan cos.

(606) 424-2508



Open under statewide regulations for all squirrel, rabbit, quail, grouse, furbearer and fall turkey seasons, except these seasons are closed during deer Quota Hunt.

*Other Exceptions***Deer*:** Quota Hunt, either sex, Nov. 3-4. Open under statewide regulations for Youth Firearm Seasons.

Open under statewide regulations for Archery/Crossbow Seasons, except Archery Season closed during deer Quota Hunt.

Elk: Portions in Johnson Co. are open to EHU 2 quota elk hunts, except closed during deer Quota Hunt.

* A deer hunter shall not take an antlered deer with an outside antler spread of less than 15" at any time.

Firearms are prohibited for deer hunting on the area extending eastward from the drainage of Glade Branch, along the north edge of the lake, to the No Hunting Area surrounding Rocky Knob Recreation Area, enclosing all property from the WMA boundary downslope to the lake edge. Also included are the islands to the south, and the area extending eastward, along the south edge of the lake, from the drainage of Shoal Branch to the No Hunting Area surrounding the dam and ranger station, and extending downslope to the edge of the lake.

PAUL VAN BOOVEN WMA

2,293 acres

Breathitt County, (606) 878-9595



Open under statewide regulations for squirrel, rabbit, **quail**, grouse, furbearer and fall turkey seasons, except these seasons are closed during deer Quota Hunts and youth quota elk hunt Sept. 29 - Oct. 1.

*Other Exceptions***Deer*:** Quota Hunts, either sex, limit one, Nov. 10-14; Nov. 15-19.

Open under statewide regulations for Archery/Crossbow, Youth Firearm and Muzzleloader seasons, except closed during deer Quota Hunts and firearm elk seasons.

Elk: Open for EHU 2 quota elk hunts, except only archery and crossbow equipment permitted. See page 22 for youth quota hunt.

* A deer hunter shall not take an antlered deer with an outside antler spread of less than 15" at any time.

Area is closed to vehicle access from one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise except to hunters retrieving downed game.

PEABODY WMA

46,431 acres

Ohio, Hopkins & Muhlenberg cos.

(270) 476-1889



Open under statewide regulations for all squirrel, rabbit, furbearer and fall turkey seasons.

*Exceptions***Quail:** Open under statewide regula-

tions, except Ken and Sinclair units are closed except to drawn quota hunters. See page 38 for dates.

A stand-by drawing is held each hunt day at 9 a.m. Central time to fill spots left by drawn hunters who do not show up to hunt. Call the Peabody WMA office at (270) 476-1889 for more information.

Deer: Open under statewide regulations, except modern gun season open Nov. 10-19 only.

Portions marked by signs are closed to public access Oct. 15 - March 15. No parking or camping within 100 feet of gas well heads on the Vogue and River Queen tracts.

Any person age 16 and older entering the area for any recreational purpose must obtain and carry a Peabody WMA user permit (\$15.00). Individual user permits may be obtained through any license vendor. Group user permits are available from the Peabody WMA office and must be obtained 30 days prior to use of the WMA for any activity or event.

PENNYRILE STATE FOREST

14,724 acres

Christian & Caldwell cos.

(270) 753-6913



Open under statewide regulations for all squirrel, rabbit, quail, furbearer and fall turkey seasons, except these seasons are closed during deer Quota Hunt.

*Other Exceptions***Grouse:** Dec. 1-31, daily limit 2.**Deer*:** Quota Hunt, either sex, Nov. 3-4, includes adjoining Tradewater WMA.

Open under statewide regulations for Archery/Crossbow Seasons, except Archery Season closed during Quota Hunt.

* A deer hunter shall not take an antlered deer with an outside antler spread of less than 15" at any time.

PIONEER WEAPONS WMA (DBNF)

7,731 acres

Bath & Menifee cos., (606) 784-6428



Open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons following these equipment restrictions: Hunters shall not use any type of

breech-loading or modern firearm to take game on this area. Hunters shall not use in-line muzzleloading firearms, scopes or optical enhancements (sighting devices other than open or "iron" sights) to take game on this area. (Binoculars and spotting scopes are allowed.) Other types of muzzleloading firearms, compound bows, long bows, recurve bows and crossbows may be used to take game. Crossbows legal for entire archery deer season and fall archery turkey season.

R.F. TARTER WMA

1,171 acres
Adair & Russell cos., (270) 465-5039



Open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons, except firearms may not be used to take deer during the modern gun deer season.

REDBIRD WMA (DBNF)

24,014 acres
Clay & Leslie cos., (606) 878-9595



Open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons. Also open to EHU 6a quota elk hunts.

ROBINSON FOREST WMA

12,304 acres
Breathitt & Perry cos., (606) 878-9595



The main block of this area is closed to all hunting.

Outlying areas ONLY: Open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons. Also open to EHU 2 quota elk hunts.

ROUGH RIVER LAKE WMA

6,589 acres
Breckinridge, Grayson & Hardin cos.
(270) 646-5167



Open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons.

Best access to WMA is by boat or by permission of private landowners to cross their property to the adjacent WMA.

SHILLALAH CREEK WMA

2,535 acres
Bell & Harlan cos., (606) 337-9317



Open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons. Also open to EHU 6a quota elk hunts, and portions in Harlan Co. are open to bear hunting.

SLOUGHS WMA

10,998 acres
Henderson & Union cos., (270) 827-2673



This WMA consists of six separate land units: Ash Flats, Grassy Pond Powells Lake, Jenny Hole, Highland Creek, Cape Hills and Sauerheber. All except Sauerheber are open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons.

Exceptions

Sauerheber Unit:

Squirrel: Open Aug. 18 - Oct. 31.

Rabbit & Quail: Closed.

Furbearers: Closed.

Deer*: Open under statewide regulations through Oct. 31.

Turkey -- Fall Archery/Crossbow:

Open under statewide regulations through Oct. 31.

Turkey -- Fall Gun: Open under statewide regulations through Oct. 31.

*The Crenshaw and Duncan II tracts of the Sauerheber Unit are open only for waterfowl hunting Nov. 1 - March 15, and deer hunting under statewide regulations through the end of modern gun deer season. The remainder of the Sauerheber Unit is closed to all public access Nov. 1 - March 15 annually as designated by signs.

SOUTH SHORE WMA

98 acres
Greenup County, (606) 474-8535



Closed to public access Nov. 15 - Jan. 15, except quota waterfowl and dove hunting by advance application and selection. Open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons at other times, except centerfire rifles/handguns may not be used to take deer.

STONE MOUNTAIN WMA & STATE NATURAL AREA

1,017 acres
Harlan County, (606) 337-9317



Open under statewide regulations for

all hunting and trapping seasons. Also open to bear hunting and EHU 6a quota elk hunts.

T.N. SULLIVAN WMA

146 acres
Franklin County, (502) 535-6335



Open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons, except firearms may not be used to take deer.

TAYLORSVILLE LAKE WMA

9,418 acres
Spencer, Anderson & Nelson cos.
(502) 477-9024



Open under statewide regulations for all squirrel, furbearer and fall turkey seasons, except these seasons and public shooting range are closed during deer Quota Hunts.

Other Exceptions

Rabbit & Quail: Nov. 1 - Dec. 31, except closed during Quota Hunts.

Deer: Quota Hunts, Nov. 3-4 (antlerless only); Dec. 1-2 and Jan. 5-6 (either sex).

Mobility-Impaired Quota Hunts, Nov. 3-4 (antlerless only); Dec. 1-2 and Jan. 5-6 (either sex).

Open under statewide regulations for Youth Firearm Seasons and Archery/Crossbow Seasons, except closed during Quota Hunts.

TRADEWATER WMA

729 acres
Christian & Hopkins cos. (270) 753-6913



Open under statewide regulations for all squirrel, rabbit, quail, furbearer and fall turkey seasons, except these seasons are closed during deer Quota Hunt.

Other Exceptions

Grouse: Dec. 1-31, daily limit 2.

Deer*: Quota Hunt, either sex, Nov. 3-4, includes adjoining Pennyryle State Forest.

Open under statewide regulations for Archery/Crossbow Seasons, except Archery Season closed during Quota Hunt.

* A deer hunter shall not take an antlered deer with an outside antler spread of less than 15" at any time.

SYMBOL KEY



Hunting



Fishing



Hiking Trail



Wildlife Viewing



Interpretive Site



Boat Launch



Horseback Trails



Accessible



Picnic Site



Shooting Range



Mountain Bike Trails

TWIN EAGLE WMA

170 acres

Owen County, (502) 535-6335



Open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons, except firearms may not be used to take deer.

VETERANS MEMORIAL WMA

2,497 acres

Scott County, (859) 428-2262



Open under statewide regulations for squirrel, rabbit, furbearer and fall turkey seasons, except these seasons are closed during deer Quota Hunt.

*Other Exceptions***Quail:** Closed.**Deer:** Quota Hunt, either sex, Nov. 3-4.

Open under statewide regulations for Youth Firearm Seasons. Open under statewide regulations for Archery/Crossbow Seasons, except Archery Season closed during deer Quota Hunt.

Access to portions of the WMA may be restricted due to construction.

WEST KENTUCKY WMA

6,560 acres

McCracken County, (270) 488-3233



Open under statewide regulations for all fall turkey seasons, except these seasons are closed during Quota and Open Gun Deer Hunts. Tract 6 is closed to all vehicular traffic Feb. 1 – April 16. **Any person entering “A” Tracts for any use must check-in prior to entry. Persons shall not enter any area posted closed by signs.**

Other Exceptions:

Squirrel*: Open under statewide regulations.

Rabbit & Quail*: Tracts (2, 3, 6, 7) Nov. 12 - Dec. 31, except closed during Quota and Open Gun Deer Hunts. Tracts (1, 4, 5 and “A” Tracts) Jan. 1-10, are subject to early closure based on hunting pressure. Hunters must report hunt data daily to the area supervisor. Reporting can be done in person at the hunter check station, or by completing and submitting a hunt data card each day. If a tract is closed prior to Jan. 10, notice will be posted at the hunter check station 24 hours in advance. Shooting hours are a half-hour before sunrise to 1 p.m. (Central) on Tracts 1, 4, 5 and “A” Tracts.

Furbearer*: Open under statewide regulations.

*Small game or furbearer hunters must not use rifles, or ball or slug ammunition to take these species. Unleashed dogs are prohibited April 1 until the third Saturday in August, except during department-authorized field trials and the spring squirrel season.

Deer:** Quota Hunt, either sex, Nov. 17-21, Tracts 1-6 only. Participants in West Kentucky WMA Quota and Open Gun Hunts select a tract for hunting at check-in. Hunters are then required to hunt only in this tract until noon each day. Open Gun Hunt, either sex, Jan. 19-21. Hunting permitted on Tracts 1-6 only. Limited to first 200 hunters who must personally check in at the hunter check station from 4 to 8 p.m. (Central) on the Friday preceding the hunt, or from 4:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. on hunt days. Registered hunters must check out when finished hunting, or by 7 p.m. on Monday night.

Archery Season open under statewide regulations on all tracts, except closed during Quota and Open Gun Deer Hunts.

Crossbow Season open under statewide regulations, except closed during Quota and Open Gun Deer Hunts.

On Jan. 19-21, only deer hunters par-

ticipating in the Open Gun Hunt are permitted on the WMA.

**Hunters may not use modern rifles or handguns to take deer on this WMA. Only shotguns with slugs or muzzle-loaders may be used to take deer. A deer hunter shall not take an antlered deer with an outside antler spread of less than 15” at any time.

WINFORD WMA

258 acres

Carlisle County, (270) 224-2244



Open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons.

YATESVILLE LAKE WMA

13,191 acres

Lawrence County, (606) 686-3312



Open under statewide regulations for all hunting and trapping seasons, except a deer hunter may not take antlerless deer with a firearm during modern gun deer season.

YELLOWBANK WMA

6,775 acres

Breckinridge County, (270) 547-6856



Open under statewide regulations for all squirrel, furbearer and fall turkey seasons.

Exceptions

Rabbit & Quail: Nov. 1 - Dec. 31 Rabbit, quail and squirrel hunting closed on Dec. 14-17, during pheasant quota hunts.

Deer*: Open under statewide regulations for Archery/Crossbow and Youth Firearm Seasons.

Pheasant: Quota Hunts, either sex, limit two, Dec. 14, 15 and 16.

Open Dec. 17 only to drawn pheasant quota hunters, either sex, limit three. Open Dec. 18-31 either sex, daily limit three.

*A deer hunter shall not take an antlered deer with an outside antler spread of less than 15” at any time.

Areas designated by signs are closed to all public access Oct. 15 - March 15.

OTHER PUBLIC AREAS

STATE PARK OPEN DEER HUNTS

Open deer hunts are offered on the following areas. All statewide bag limits, hunter licensing and other deer hunting requirements and zone restrictions apply, in addition to those given below. Discharging firearms within 100 yards of maintained roads or buildings is prohibited. Baiting deer is prohibited.

YATESVILLE LAKE STATE PARK AND LAWRENCE COUNTY RECREATION AREA

2,157 acres, (606) 686-2362 or 3312

Open under statewide regulations (Zone 2) for archery, crossbow and muzzleloading deer hunting Dec. 10-12, 2012. All hunters must check in at the state park campground booth between 12-8 p.m. Eastern Dec. 9. Check in is not permitted on hunt days or at any other time. Check out is not required, but deer taken must be telechecked as required under statewide regulations. Hunters will receive a map at check-in showing the area open to hunting and containing any other special instructions. No other hunting is permitted on Yatesville Lake State Park property.

JENNY WILEY STATE RESORT PARK

1,415 acres, Floyd Co., 1-800-325-0142

Open Jan. 5-6, 2013, limit two deer (either sex). Limited to the first 15 mobility-impaired hunters who check in at the park office Jan. 4 during business hours. Hunters must meet the mobility-impaired eligibility requirements outlined on pages 33-34. (Mobility-Impaired Access Permit required at check-in.) Hunters must also check in and out on hunt days, and must telecheck deer taken. Hunters may be accompanied by another person, but that person will not be permitted to hunt. A deer hunter shall not take an antlered deer with an outside antler spread of less than 15" at any time.

OPEN UNDER STATEWIDE SEASONS

The following areas are open for

public hunting under statewide regulations. Season dates, bag limits and zone restrictions apply based on the county zone where the area is located.

ASHER HUNTING ACCESS AREA

8,198 acres

Bell County, (606) 337-9317



Also open to EHU 6e quota elk hunts.

BIG SOUTH FORK NATIONAL RIVER AND RECREATION AREA

30,301 acres

McCreary County

Kentucky Ranger Station: (606) 376-5073

Park Headquarters: (423) 569-9778



Open under statewide regulations for all squirrel, furbearer, deer, and fall turkey seasons. Also open to EHU 6a quota elk hunts. Baiting prohibited.

Exceptions

Rabbit & Quail: Nov. 1 - Dec. 31.

Grouse: Oct. 1 - Dec. 31.

Wild Hog: All hog hunters shall have a Big South Fork Hog Hunting Permit and a valid Kentucky hunting license. Hunting is open during the statewide deer season and extends through the last day of February. Hog hunters shall be licensed and legal to hunt deer when hunting wild hogs during a deer season. An extended hog season begins the day following the last day of deer archery season through Feb. 28, 2013. During the extended hog season any firearm or archery equipment legal for deer may be used. Hog hunters may not use dogs for hog hunting and may not hunt at night. Hogs may not be hunted on the Kentucky portion of Big South Fork from March 1 - Aug. 31. Contact Big South Fork at the phone numbers listed for additional details.

Year-round seasons: Open under statewide regulations for coyotes, ground-hogs, English sparrows and starlings. No other species may be taken.

DANIEL BOONE NATIONAL FOREST

708,000 acres

Bath, Clay, Estill, Harlan, Jackson,

Knox, Laurel, Lee, Leslie, McCreary, Menifee, Morgan, Owsley, Perry, Powell, Pulaski, Rockcastle, Rowan, Wayne, Whitley & Wolfe cos., **except** Beaver Creek WMA, Cane Creek WMA, Mill Creek WMA, Pioneer Weapons WMA and Redbird WMA.



Baiting prohibited. Also open to EHU 4, 5 and 6a-d quota elk hunts, and portions in Harlan Co. are open to bear hunting.

GREEN RIVER STATE FOREST

1,117 acres

Henderson County, (270) 797-3241



ICG HUNTING ACCESS AREA

15,024 acres

Breathitt, Knott & Perry cos.

(606) 878-9595



Also open to EHU 2 quota elk hunts.

JEFFERSON NATIONAL FOREST

857 acres

Letcher & Pike cos.



Baiting prohibited. Also open to EHU 1 and 5 quota elk hunts.

KENTENIA STATE FOREST

4,075 acres

Harlan County, (606) 337-3011



Also open to bear hunting and EHU 5 quota elk hunts.

KENTUCKY RIDGE STATE FOREST

11,406 acres

Bell County, (606) 337-3011



Also open to EHU 6a quota elk hunts.

TYGARTS STATE FOREST

940 acres

Carter County, (606) 783-8625



AREAS OPEN WITH SPECIAL REGULATIONS

The following lands are not owned by Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. However, these areas may be open to some types of hunting as determined by the controlling agency. These areas have special seasons, regulations and hunter requirements. Hunters must contact the appropriate agency and obtain and follow all requirements. Seasons and requirements on military installations are subject to change based on training exercises and other activities. Quota hunts require advance registration. Baiting is prohibited on all of these areas.

BLUE GRASS ARMY DEPOT

14,596 acres
Madison County
Richmond, KY 40475-5010

For information contact Office of Morale, Welfare & Recreation. Deadline for deer hunt application is July 31. Applicants must set up an account by going to: <https://webtrac.mwr.army.mil/webtrac/bluegrassrectrac.html>. **Application fee for lottery drawing is \$10 for the first hunt and \$2 for each additional. Favorable Background check required if selected, adult escorts of youth hunters must also have favorable background checks.** Hunters may not take antlered deer with an outside

antler spread of less than 15" at any time. All ages must have hunter education card. Temporary hunter education exemption permit not accepted.

CLARKS RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

8,265 acres
Graves, Marshall & McCracken cos.
(270) 527-5770
P.O. Box 89, Benton, KY 42025

FORT CAMPBELL MILITARY RESERVATION

62,000 acres
Christian & Trigg cos., (270) 798-2175
Outdoor Recreation Branch, Bldg. 6645,
101st Airborne Div. Rd., Fort Campbell,
KY 42223-5000

All ages must have hunter education card. Temporary hunter education exemption permit not accepted. **All shotguns and muzzleloaders used while hunting on Ft. Campbell must be registered before hunters go afield.**

FORT KNOX MILITARY RESERVATION

108,618 acres
Bullitt, Meade & Hardin cos.
(502) 624-7311
www.knox.army.mil/fw

Hunters may not take antlered deer with an outside antler spread of less than 12 inches at any time. Ages 60 and under must have hunter education card.

HIDDEN VALLEY TRAINING AREA

551 acres
Powell County, 1-800-858-1549

Open under statewide regulations for archery and crossbow deer hunting, Sept. 1 - Jan. 21. Closed to wild turkey hunting during all seasons. Open under statewide regulations for small game hunting, except squirrel hunting opens Sept. 1. Hunters do not need to contact the area prior to hunting. Camping, horseback riding and ATVs are prohibited.

LAND BETWEEN THE LAKES (LBL) NATIONAL RECREATION AREA

107,594 acres
Trigg & Lyon cos., (270) 924-2065
100 Van Morgan Drive
Golden Pond, KY 42211-9001
www.lbl.org

OHIO RIVER ISLANDS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

580 acres
Lewis County, (304) 375-2923, ext. 117
3982 Waverly Rd.
Williamstown, WV 26187

REELFOOT NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

2,043 acres
Fulton County, (731) 538-2481
4343 Hwy. 157, Union City, TN 38261

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